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Forster of Adderstone



“An horne he bare, the baldric was of grene,
A Forster was he sothly as I ghesse.”
Chaucer, *Squire's Yeoman*.

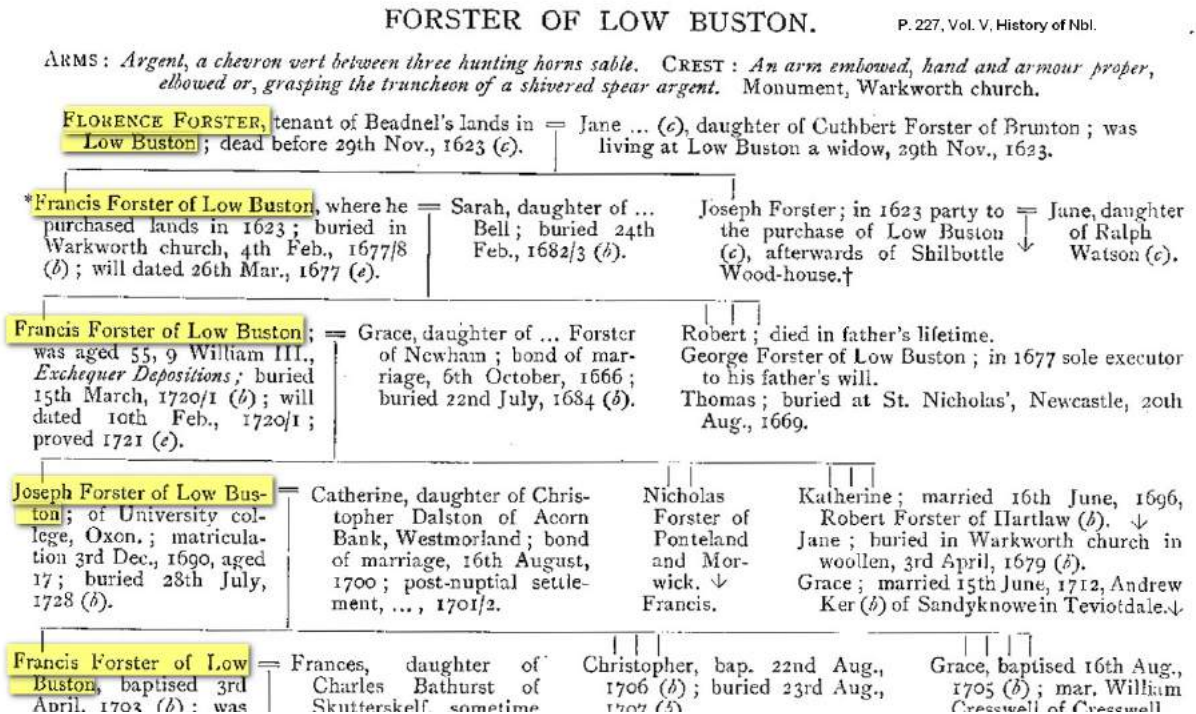
“On a wreath an arm embowed, hand and armour proper, elbowed or, grasping the truncheon of a shivered spear argent. *Visitation*, 1615.

The seal of Thomas Forster of Adderstone, on his will, dated 4th Sept. 1725, is *quarterly, 1 and 4, a chevron between three bugles; 2 and 3, a chevron between three martlets*. Raine, *Testamenta*.

[Source: p. 228, Vol. 1, *A History of Northumberland*, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, Andrew Reid, Sons & Co., 1893.]

Preface

The first version of this book was prepared in 2013 for the purpose of laying out my research on the Forster family of Low Buston in Warkworth Parish, Northumberland. My Forster great aunts and uncles had often mentioned to my mother their belief that *our* Forsters from Margate, Kent were connected to Forsters in Northumberland. My research into this question led me to Low Buston. Several later versions of the book varied the chapter organization and added new research details. This version reflects my final method of chapter and footnote organization and includes a name index for the first time.



Florence (a man's name in the 1600's) married Jane Forster, daughter of Cuthbert. He was from the Forster family inhabiting the area adjacent to Bamburgh Castle and Holy Island near the border with Scotland, as shown on the 1750 map on the next page. The history of this family is in Vol. I of *A History of Northumberland*, 1893. (Fn)

Francis Forster and Frances Bathurst (shown at the bottom of the chart above) are the subjects of the first chapter of this book. One of their sons, William, settled near Deal, in Kent, several miles south of Margate. William's son Charles Francis made Margate his home.

The continuing mystery about the parentage of Harriet Caroline Gordon (including the *Indian Princess* theory) is discussed in detail in a later chapter. Compounding the mystery is the fact

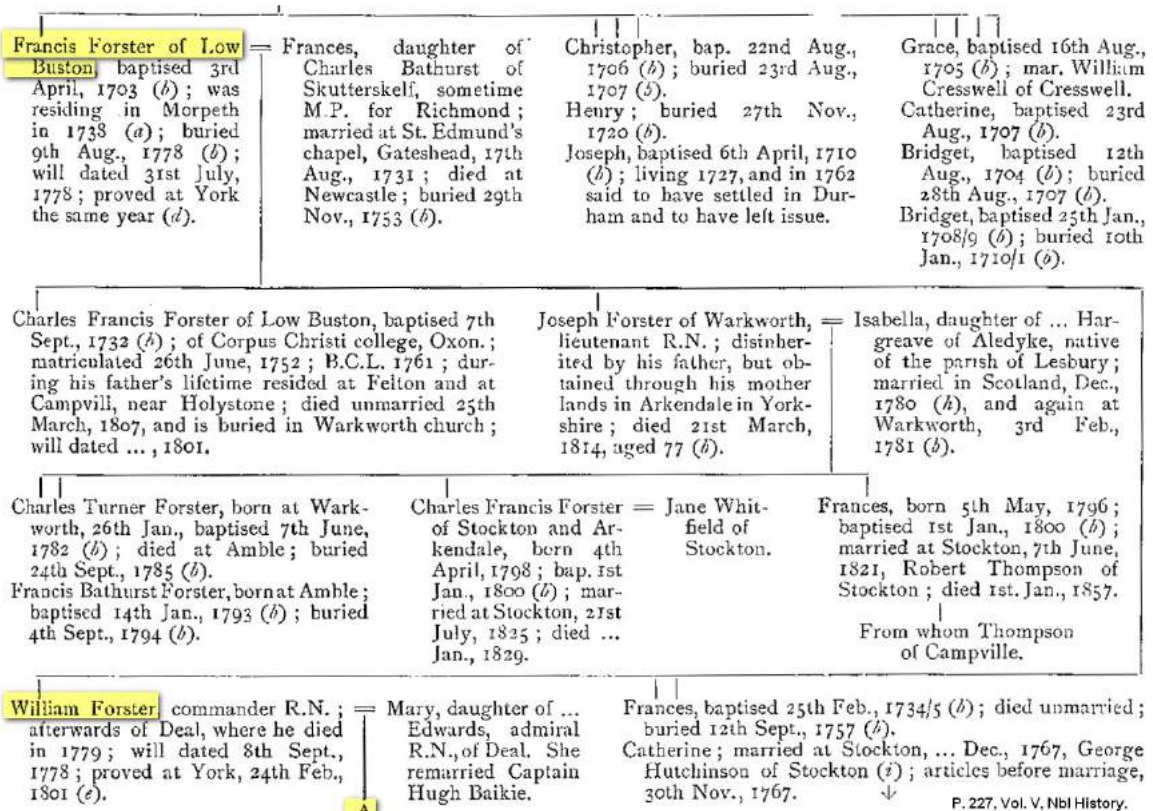
that Forster descendants Charles Howard and I have learned through autosomal DNA testing that we each have a small DNA segment typically found in the population of Bengal.



Footnote:

A History of Northumberland, Volume 1, The Parish of Bamburgh, with the Chapelry of Belford, by Edward Bateson B.A., Newcastle - upon - Tyne, Andrew Reid, Sons & Co., 1893.

1. Francis Forster (1703-1778)



Francis Forster of Low Buston (*Franciscus fil Josephi Forster de Low Buston*) was baptized on April 3, 1703. (Fn 1)

Francis held substantial property in Warkworth Parish, including an ancient manor house and surrounding farms at Buston Vale in Low Buston Township. He also occupied a townhouse in Morpeth, a market town in Morpeth Parish to the south of Warkworth. (Fn 2)

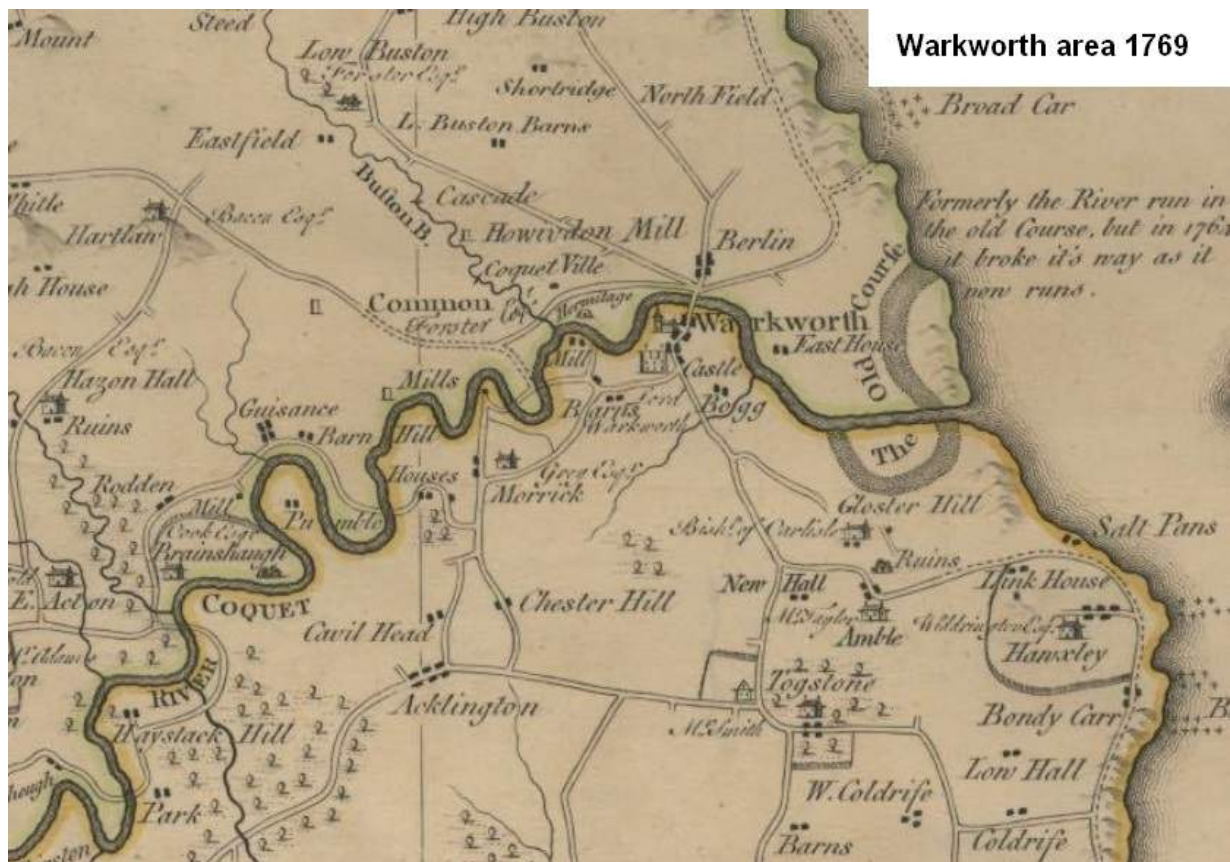
Francis and his wife had their first child in 1732, and baptized him as Charles Francis Forster on September 7, 1732 at Warkworth St. Lawrence church, Northumberland. Also baptized at Warkworth was daughter Frances on Feb. 25, 1735. She was buried there on Sept. 12, 1756, unmarried. (Fn 3)

Francis Forster voted in the 1734 election in Northumberland; the choice was between Jas. Fenwick, Esq. and W. Bacon, Esq. The poll record lists "F. Forster, Buston." (Fn 4)

The other Forster children were baptized at Morpeth St. Mary's church: Catherine was born on May 11 and baptized on June 24, 1736; Joseph was born on August 5 and baptized on October 5, 1738; John was born on March 16 and baptized on April 13, 1740; William was born on

June 5 and baptized on July 9, 1741; and Anne was born of December 29, 1742 and baptized on February 10, 1743. (Fn 5)

Oct. 27, 1745. Letter from William Carr to Francis Forster Esqr., at Buston: "Dear Friend, By a letter last night I am assured that the Marshall designs to honour me with his company in a day or two, which lays me under the obligation to desire the favour of you, and my friend Lawson, to refer making me happy at Eshet, 'till the army is past', which I hope will be in a few days. I must intreat you to get me the coffea if possible to morrow; none I have nor none can I get unless you assist me. Pray send it to me, and I shall pay the messenger, with thanks. Will. Carr joyns with me in compliments to you and your good family, is all from – Your most obliged humble servant, Wm: Carr. Eshet, Or. 27, 1745." (Fn 6) [Note: The reference by William Carr to the army passing must be to the British army assembled at Newcastle-upon-Tyne in October 1745, under General Wade, for the purpose of countering the Jacobite threat.]



"1778, 31st July. Will of Francis Forster of Low Buston, esquire. Mentions the sum of £1,340 due on mortgage on the Buston estate and another of £1,000 due on mortgage to Miss Barbara Clavering. Recites settlement of Yorkshire estates made by himself and Frances, his wife (of which settlement William Carr, esq., and Joseph Forster, esq., were trustees), under which he

had power to charge them with £5,000 for his younger children. By Indenture, dated 2nd April, 1762, he had given to his eldest son Charles Francis Forster and his heirs £1,000. By Indenture, dated 30th November, 1767, he settled £1,166 13s. 4d. on his only daughter Catherine on her marriage with George Hutchinson of Stockton, gent. By Indenture, dated 27th October, 1769, he settled £2,333 on his son William Forster and Mary Edwards, the younger, on their marriage; 6s. 8d. to be levied for the portion of his son Joseph Forster. I give to my said son, Joseph Forster, £50 per annum out of my lands and tithes at Wooden, in the parish of Lesbury. I give my lands in the parish of Lesbury, to Robert Fenwick of Lemington, esq., and Richard Clutterbuck of Warkworth, esq., to the use of Roger Buston of Buston, gent., and Thomas Cook of Brainshaugh, gent., in trust for Wm. Forster, my son, for life; then to Francis Forster, my grandson, for life; remainder to the sons of Wm. Forster; remainder to my grand-daughters, Philippa Irnham Forster and Frances Maria Forster, daughters of my son William; remainder to my daughter Catherine Hutchinson, with remainder to grandson Geo. Hutchinson; remainder to my grand-daughters Catherine and Frances Hutchinson; remainder to John Forster of Warkworth, now or late a lieutenant in the navy, and his heirs. Residue to my son William; he executor. Codicil, 1st August, 1778. Whereas my son William has contracted for the purchase of the estate of Wooden, in the parish of Lesbury, of Dr. Gill, and I have remitted £7,000 to Ireland to complete the purchase, if it be not completed I devise the £7,000 to my son William. Proved at York, October 5th, 1778, by William Forster, the sole executor. Raine, *Test. Eber.*" Witnesses to Francis' Will were Thomas Buston, Joseph Forster and Thomas Adams. Witnesses to the Codicil: Joseph Forster, Thomas Buston and William Hudson. (Fn 7)

Francis Forster was buried on August 9, 1778 at Warkworth. (Fn 8)

The Will and Codicil were also proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (in Kent). On January 14, 1780, Mary Edwards was appointed Administratrix. She was identified as the widow of William Forster, the named executor, who "died without taking upon him the execution" of Francis' Will and Codicil. There was a reference to William's Will and the fact that in it "Francis Forster", a minor, was the son and residuary legatee of William. (Fn 9)

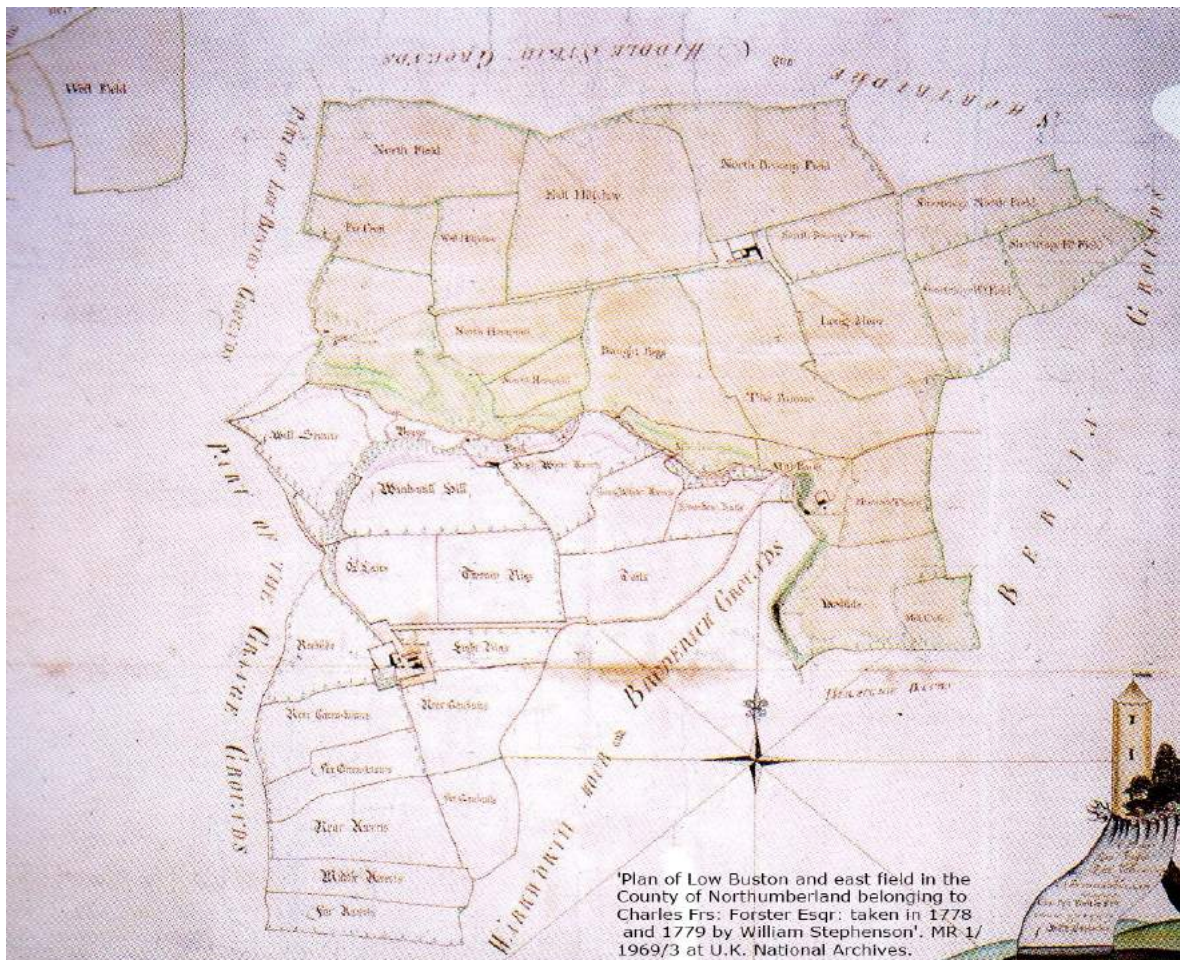
Notices to creditors of the Estates of Francis Forster late of Low Buston and for William Forster late of Warkworth and sometimes Deal were published on page 6 of the London *Gazette* of February 8, 1783. Proof of debts was to be submitted to John Ord of the High Court of Chancery in his chambers at Lincoln's-inn.

Footnotes:

1. The registers of Warkworth parish, Northumberland, 1677-1812, by J.C. Hodgson, 1899, Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne, South Shields, England, at familysearch.org.
2. *A History of Northumberland*, p. 226, Vol. V, The Parish of Warkworth (also Shilbottle and Brainshaugh), by John Crawford Hodgson; Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Andrew Reid & Company, Limited, 1899; and *Low Buston*, by J. C. Hodgson, p. 521, Vol. XII, Part III.

-1889, History of the Berwickshire Naturalists' Club, 1887-1889; printed (for the club) in 1890 by Henry Hunter Blair, Market Place, Alnwick.

3. Warkworth registers (Fn 1).
4. 1734 Poll records, first printed in 1898.
5. Parish register transcripts for St. Mary the Virgin Church (CofE) in Morpeth, Northumberland; microfilmed by Genealogical Society of Utah in 1949 at the Newcastle-on-Tyne Record Office - DGS #8054629.
6. Letter exhibited by George Hutchinson Swain, Esq., Norton Hall, at p. 116, Vol. VI, New Series, *Archaeologia Aeliana* – Miscellaneous Tracts relating to Antiquity, Newcastle Upon Tyne, William Dodd, printed by J. G. Forster, 1865.
7. *History of Northumberland*, p. 229, Vol. V. (Fn 2).
8. Warkworth registers (Fn 1)
9. Francis Forster Will & Codicil (PCC PROB 11/1061), at p. 229, *A History of Northumberland*, Vol. V (Fn 2).

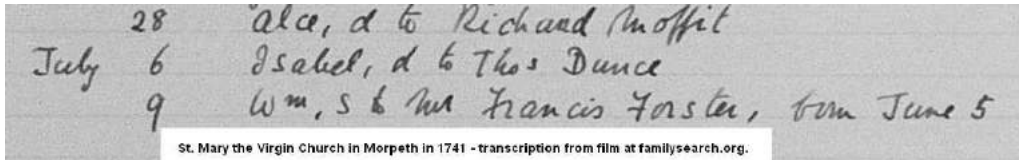


2. Lt. William Forster (1741-1779)

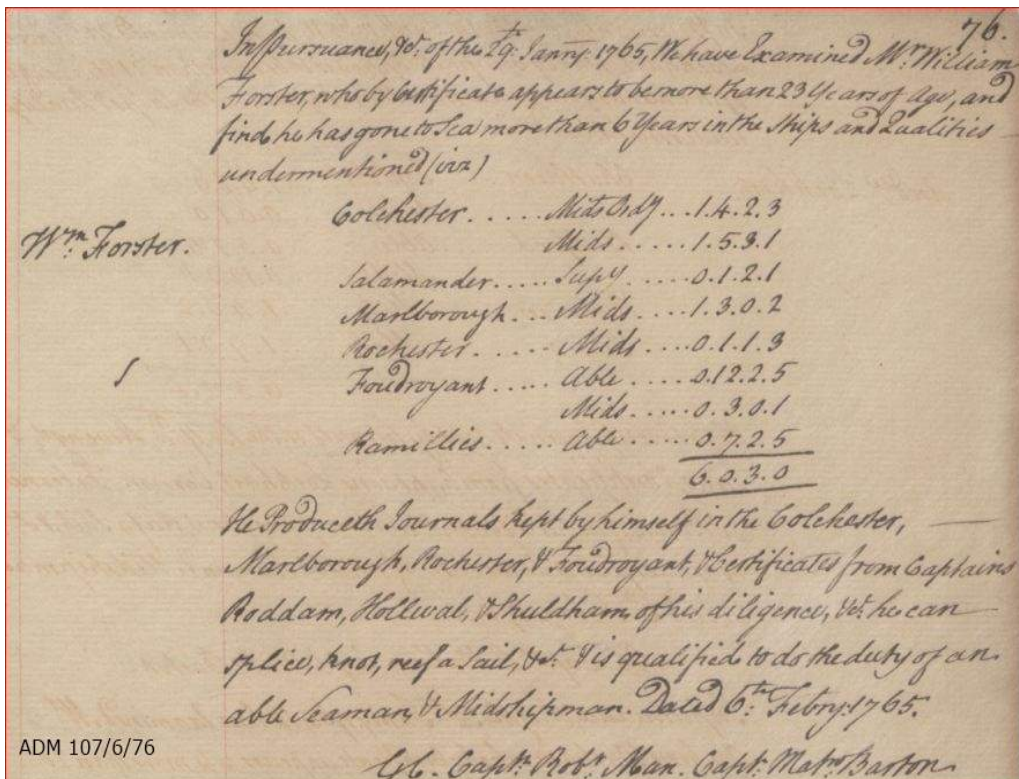
William Forster, commander R.N.; afterwards of Deal, where he died in 1779; will dated 8th Sept., 1778; proved at York, 24th Feb., 1801 (e).	Mary, daughter of ... Edwards, admiral R.N., of Deal. She remarried Captain Hugh Baikie.	Frances, baptised 25th Feb., 1734/5 (b); died unmarried; buried 12th Sept., 1757 (b). Catherine; married at Stockton, ... Dec., 1767, George Hutchinson of Stockton (i); articles before marriage, 30th Nov., 1767.
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P. 227, Vol. V, Nbl History.

William Forster was born on June 5, 1741 to Francis and Frances (Bathurst) Forster. He was baptized on July 9, 1741 at St. Mary the Virgin (CofE) in Morpeth, Northumberland. (Fn 1)



William's mother died in 1753. He entered the Royal Navy in about 1759 as a Midshipman Orderly and then full Midshipman on *HMS Colchester*, a 50-gun fourth rate ship of the line. He then was on *HMS Salamander* for a short period as a supernumerary (additional staff).



Next he was a Midshipman on *HMS Marlborough*, a third rate ship of the line with 68 guns. He may well have been on *HMS Marlborough* during the 1762 expedition to take Havana from the Spanish during the Seven Years' War. While making her way back to England late in 1762 the *Marlborough* was hit with very heavy weather and the crew was taken off by *HMS Antelope*. William then served a short time on *HMS Rochester*, a 50-gun fourth rate ship of the line, and then he moved to the 80-gun *HMS Foudroyant*, where he was an Able Seaman and a Midshipman. Finally, William was an Able Seaman on *HMS Ramillies*, a 74-gun third rate ship of the line launched in 1763 at Chatham. (Fn 2)

In 1762, while William Forster was on *HMS Marlborough*, his father Francis entered into a settlement agreement which, after Francis died, would result in William receiving his father's Low Buston estate if his older brother died without a legitimate male heir. (Fn 3)

After serving six years on various ships, as required by the system established in the late 1600's by Samuel Pepys, William Forster in 1765 sat for and passed the examination for becoming a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy. (Fn 2) Under the Pepys system, a person passing the Lieutenant's examination would receive a commission for a particular ship. A senior (or first) Lieutenant would be responsible for the administration of his ship under the guidance of a Captain, and would be the commander of the ship in case the Captain were absent or ill, or if there were no Captain. (Fn 4)

William was commissioned on May 26, 1768 to serve as a Lieutenant aboard *HM Sloop Cruiser*, which was engaged in *sea victualling* in the Downs roadstead off Deal, Kent. (Fn 5) There may have been an earlier commission for a different ship during the years 1765-1767.

Muster-List of June 1768									
Bounty paid.	N ^o	Entry.	Year	Appearance.	Whence and whether Preft or not.	Place and County where Born.	Age at Time of Entry in this Ship.	N ^o and Letter of Tickets	MENS NAMES. Qualities
									HMS Cruiser
1445 June 11 James P. Commis ⁿ 26 May Will ^m Forster Lieut.									

Cruizer Sloop 8, 141 bm, 75.5×20.5 ft. DeptfordDY 31.8.1752. Burnt 2.10.1776 off S.C. (Fn 6)

On Sept. 30, 1769, William sought approval for a repair project (copy of letter to the Royal Navy Commissioners on next page). (Fn 7)

In contemplation of William's marriage to Mary Edwards, a settlement agreement was made by Francis Forster on October 27, 1769. Francis agreed to put £2,333 in trust with John Carter and George Leith of Deal, and they were to manage the funds for Mary's benefit. The settlement agreement was described in Francis Forster's 1778 Will.

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Cruizer
Shut up Sep 30th /69

Hon^{ble} Gentleⁿ

I beg leave to represent to you the inconvenience of the *Misc Labors* under in the after part form of His Maj^{ty} Sloop (Cruizer) (the *Miscory* Place) the Provision of the Sloop & other things are *conveyed* this the same which renders it very disagreeable; I therefore request that the Bulk head which is now down may be removed off which will render it more agreeable & convenient to all the Officers. As no Captⁿ has yet appeared since the Death of Captⁿ Crickell induces me to move this to the Off^{rs} Board as in a few days will be fixed in the usual manner, I hope this my Application will meet with a general Concurrence & will confer a favour on

Hon^{ble} Gentleⁿ

Yours H^{ble} Serv^t

Wm Forster
Lieut^t

To The Hon^{ble} the Principal Officers
& Commissioners of His Maj^{ty} Navy

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U.K. National Archives

According to a Muster-List, Lt. William Forster was discharged (*superseded*) from the Royal Navy on December 3, 1769. His servant left at the same time. He probably resigned his commission in connection with his marriage. (Fn 8)

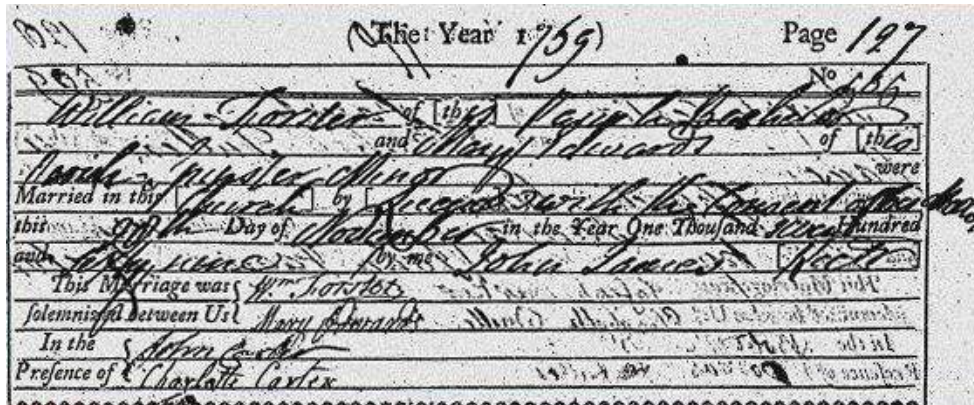
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HMS Cruizer - Muster List - Nov/Dec 1769

William Forster was described as a *commander R.N.* and as *Lieut. in the Navy*, and his wife Mary was said to be the daughter of “Edwards, admiral R.N. of Deal”. (Fn 9)

On November 28, 1769 William Forster married Mary Edwards at St. Leonard, Deal. The marriage record recited that both William and Mary were of the parish of St. Leonard, that Mary's mother had consented to the marriage because Mary was under legal age and that the witnesses were John and Charlotte Carter.



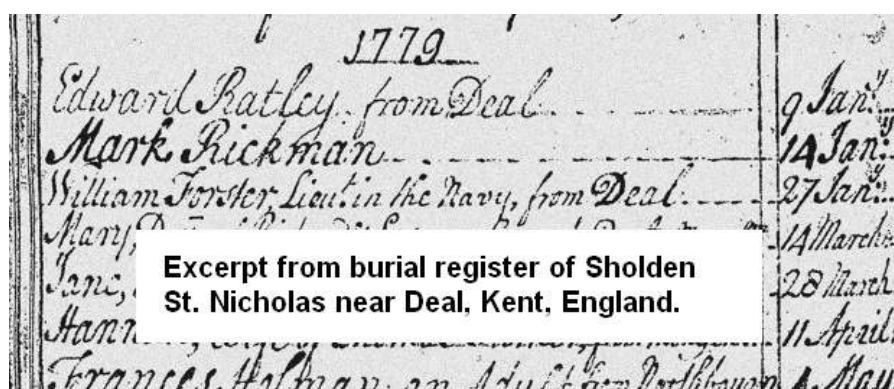
William and Mary Forster baptized their four children at St. Leonard, Deal: Francis on March 20, 1771; Charles Francis on July 30, 1772; and twins Philippa Irnham and Frances Maria on June 21, 1775. Son Charles Francis was buried near Deal at Sholden St. Nicholas on August 4, 1772. (Fn 10)

In his 1778 Will, William's father Francis established an entail for his real estate in Wooden, Lesbury Parish and Arkengarthdale, N. Yorkshire. He gave those lands to gentlemen Robert Fenwick of Lemington, Northumberland, and Richard Clutterbuck of Warkworth to the use of Roger Buston of Buston, gent., and Thomas Cook of Brainshaugh, gent. in trust for “Wm. Forster, my son, for life; then to Francis Forster, my grandson, for life; remainder to the sons of Wm. Forster; remainder to my grand-daughters, Philippa Irnham Forster and Frances Maria Forster, daughters of my son William; remainder to my daughter Catherine Hutchinson, with remainder to grandson Geo. Hutchinson; remainder to my grand-daughters Catherine and Frances Hutchinson; remainder to John Forster of Warkworth, now or late a lieutenant in the navy, and his heirs. Residue to my son William; he executor. . . . Whereas my son William has contracted for the purchase of the estate of Wooden, in the parish of Lesbury, of Dr. Gill, and I have remitted £7,000 to Ireland to complete the purchase, if it be not completed I devise the £7,000 to my son William.” William proved his father’s Will at York on October 5, 1778. (Fn 11)

William Forster made his Last Will and Testament on September 8, 1778: “Will of William Forster of Warkworth, esq. To William Charleton and Joseph Forster of Alnwick, esqrs., my messuage [house] in Warkworth, to sell; to my wife, Mary Forster, £100 per annum; to my son

Francis Forster, the plate which I have purchased or which belonged to my family; to my wife, her own plate, china, etc.; to my daughters, Philippa Irnham Forster and Frances Maria Forster, £5,000; to Lord Dartrey, John Carter of Deal, esq., and George Leith of Deal, esq., the rest of my estate to sell, etc. My daughters under age. Codicil, 26th October, 1778. My father contracted with John Gill, esq., for the purchase of the estate of Wooden, in the parish of Lesbury, which is not yet completed, and the £7,000 was conveyed to bankers in Dublin, who have since failed; if it is not paid my son, Francis, to have a third of my personal estate [and] [T]he will of William Forster, esq., formerly of Warkworth, but late of Deal, Kent, granted to Francis Forster, esq., his son, was proved at York 24th December 1801, Thomas Viscount Cremorne, John Carter, esq., and George Leith, esq., the executors renouncing. The Will witnesses were Richard Clutterbuck (the Deputy-Governor of Northumberland), M. Clutterbuck (perhaps Richard's wife Margaret) and Thomas Adams from the Warkworth area. The Codicil witnesses were mother-in-law Mary Edwards, Mary Cuvel and Thomas Adams. (Fn 12)

William Forster was buried at Sholden St. Nicholas on Jan. 27, 1779.



Administration of William's Will and Codicil was granted on April 17, 1779 to his widow Mary by the Prerogative Court at Canterbury, Kent; Mary was to serve until her son Francis reached legal age.

On January 18, 1780, at St. Leonard, Deal, widow Mary Forster married Hugh Baikie, by licence. They had Cecilia Mary in 1793. Mary Baikie was buried on August 31, 1800 at Sholden St. Nicholas, Kent.

Witnesses to Lt. William Forster's Will

Thomas Viscount Cremorne (also known as Lord Dartry) was Thomas Dawson (1725-1803) of Dawson Grove in Armagh, County Monaghan, Ireland. His father was Alderman Richard Dawson, the sole partner in Dawson's Bank, Dublin (probably the failed bank that caused Francis Forster to lose £7,000 earmarked for purchase of the Wooden estate). Thomas Dawson's first wife was Lady Anne Fermore, fifth daughter of Thomas, Earl of Pomfret. Lady

Anne was "the friend of the learned and excellent Mrs. Elizabeth Carter (John Carter's sister), who wrote an inscription to her memory on a mausoleum erected by her husband at Dawson's Grove." (Fn 13)

Thomas Dawson's second wife was Philadelphia Hannah Freame, the daughter of Margaret Penn, sister of John and Thomas Penn, proprietors of Pennsylvania. Thomas and Philadelphia built Cremorne House in Chelsea. The Lord was an avid collector of portrait miniatures, judging by an 1865 exhibit catalog (*Catalogue of the Special Exhibition of Portrait Miniatures on Loan at the South Kensington Museum, June 1865*; London, Printed by Whittingham and Wilkins, 1865) which lists the miniatures contributed by the then Lord Cremorne. Among his miniatures were those depicting Lady Anne Dawson; Rear Admiral Edwards (first name not stated); Thomas Lord Dartrey; Hon. Richard Dawson; Philadelphia Baroness Dartrey; and Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, "translator of Epictetus and friend of Mrs. Montagu." [Note: The *Rear Admiral* was probably Richard Edwards, Rear Admiral of the White.]

John Carter was appointed by William Forster's 1778 Will to three positions of trust but declined to serve. He witnessed the second marriage of Mary (Edwards) Forster in 1780. In 1793 Mary's mother named Carter as a testamentary trustee in her Will. Carter was probably the magistrate identified in the following death notice: "At Deal, aged eighty-seven, John Carter, esq. the oldest magistrate of the county. He was *brother of the celebrated Mrs. Elizabeth Carter*, the poetess. He was born about December 1723, the eldest son of Dr. Nicholas Carter, minister of Deal, and rector of Woodchurch and of Ham who died at Deal in 1774. Mr. Carter, after having been educated at Cambridge, went into the army. Some years afterwards he married a lady of good fortune at Deal." (Fn 14)

George Leith of Deal: "Previous to the year 1812 there stood on the Strand, on the same site as that now occupied by the Royal Marine Infirmary, an old hospital, which is described as having belonged 'to a gentleman of the name of Leith,' and is said to have been originally 'a French prison.' The Mr. Leith in question was no doubt the same 'George Leith, Esq., of Deal,' who, about the year 1789, purchased the Walmer Court Estate [from its legal representatives]." (Fn 15)

Edwards In-laws

The parents of William Forster's wife Mary (baptized 1748/9 at St. Leonard, Deal) were Charles and Mary Edwards. (Fn 16) Charles and Mary may have been Lt. Charles Turner Edwards (of St. Giles, Middlesex) and Mary Mockett, who on November 13, 1746 were married in Gosport, Hampshire. The Portsmouth National Maritime Museum in Portsmouth has a record of Charles Turner Edwards ("L(ieutenant) 6 June 1745; d 1756").

On October 23, 1753, Charles Turner Edwards of Deal "now Lieutenant of his Majesties Ship the Eagle" (58 gun ship of the line) made his Will, leaving all assets to his wife Mary Edwards and made her Executrix. Mary proved the Will in London on May 11, 1757.

Mary (Mockett) Edwards may have been the person baptized at St. Leonard, Deal on June 1, 1726 by John and Mary Mocket.

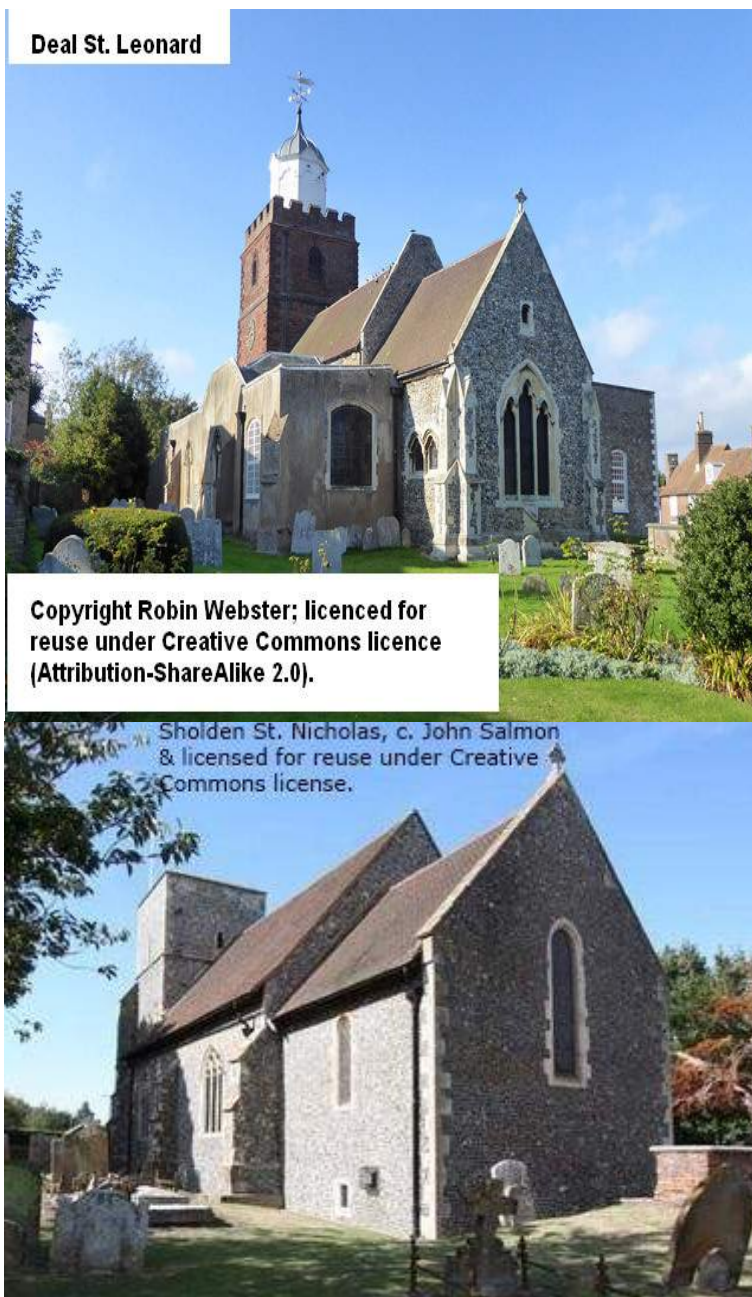
Widow Mary Edwards made her Last Will and Testament on February 13, 1793. She left her wearing apparel to daughter Mary Baikie, wife of Hugh Baikie. Baikie was the second husband of Mary Edwards. There was a small bequest to Mary's sister Susanna Pettit of Deal. The remainder of Mary's assets were to be placed in a trust and administered by her friend John Carter of Deal for the benefit of her three grand-daughters - Philippa Irnham Forster, Frances Maria Forster and Cecilia Mary Baikie. The remainder of the trust, if any, was for grandson Francis Forster. (Fn 17)

Mary Edwards died in May 1799 and was buried on June 1, 1799 at Sholden St. Nicholas. Her Will was proved on June 18, 1799.

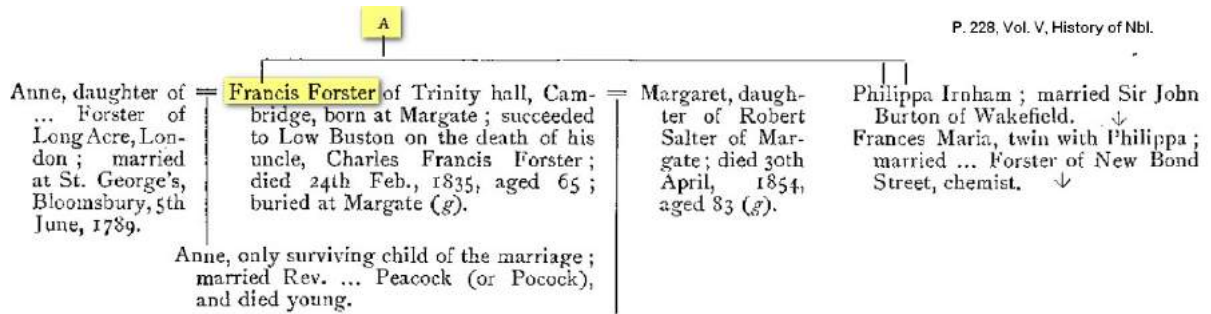
Footnotes:

1. Parish register transcripts for St. Mary the Virgin Church (CofE) in Morpeth, Northumberland; microfilmed by Genealogical Society of Utah in 1949 at the Newcastle-on-Tyne Record Office - DGS #8054629.
2. *Royal Navy Lieutenant's Passing Certificates* (Part I, A-J, p. 107), by Bruno Pappalardo; ref. to Admiralty record ADM 107/6/76. [Note: According to the Royal Navy Museum, the rank of midshipman (a senior petty officer) was "usually filled by young gentlemen with aspirations to become commissioned officers."]
3. *Low Buston*, by J. C. Hodgson, p. 521, Vol. XII, Part III.-1889, History of the Berwickshire Naturalists' Club, 1887-1889; printed (for the club) in 1890 by Henry Hunter Blair, Market Place, Alnwick.
4. Royal Navy Museum, Portsmouth, England.
5. HM Sloop Cruizer Muster-Lists, ADM 36/7804 & 36/7805.
6. *Ships of the Royal Navy*, by Colledge & Warlow, 2010, p. 95.
7. ADM 106/1177/213.
8. HM Sloop Cruizer (Fn 5).
9. The commander reference for William, and the Admiral reference for Mary's father are on p. 227 (in the pedigree chart) in *A History of Northumberland*, Vol. V, The Parish of Warkworth (also Shilbottle and Brainshaugh), by John Crawford Hodgson; Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Andrew Reid & Company, Limited, 1899; and the Lieutenant reference is in William's burial record at Sholden St. Nicholas, Kent (William Forster, Lieut. in the Navy, from Deal... 27 Jan'y).
10. St. Leonard, Deal and Sholden St. Nicholas parish registers.
11. Francis Forster Will & Codicil (PCC PROB 11/1061), at p. 229, *A History of Northumberland*, Vol. V (Fn 8).
12. William Forster Will & Codicil (PCC PROB 11/1052), at p. 229, *A History of Northumberland*, Vol. V (Fn 8).
13. *History of County of Monaghan*, p. 183.

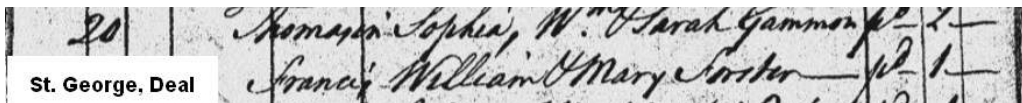
14. Annual Reg., 1810, p. 408.
15. *History of Walmer and Walmer Castle*, p. 176, by Rev. Charles R. S. Elvin.
16. St. Leonard, Deal parish register.
17. Mary Edwards' Will, at PCC PROB 11/1325/232.]



3. Francis Forster (1771-1835)



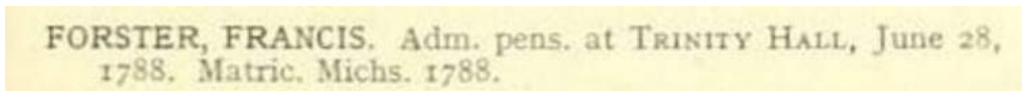
Francis Forster was baptized by his parents William and Mary Forster on March 20, 1771 at the St. George (CofE), a *chapel of ease* for St. Leonard, in Deal, Kent. He was their first child. A brother named Charles Francis lived for only five days in 1772, and twin sisters Philippa Irnham and Frances Maria were baptized at St. Leonard, Deal on June 21, 1775. (Fn 1)



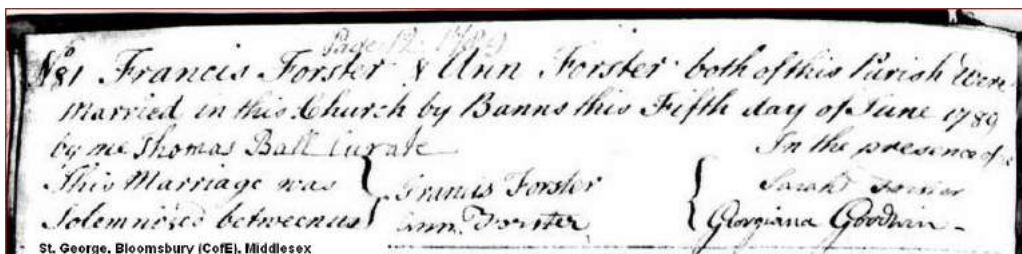
Francis was born in Margate (according to the pedigree chart) but there is no evidence that his parents ever resided in Margate.

In 1779, just before Francis' eighth birthday, his father William died, and the next year his widowed mother Mary married a Royal Navy Captain named Hugh Baikie. The family continued to live in Deal.

Francis Forster may have attended Trinity Hall at Cambridge for one year (according to the pedigree chart). (Fn 2).

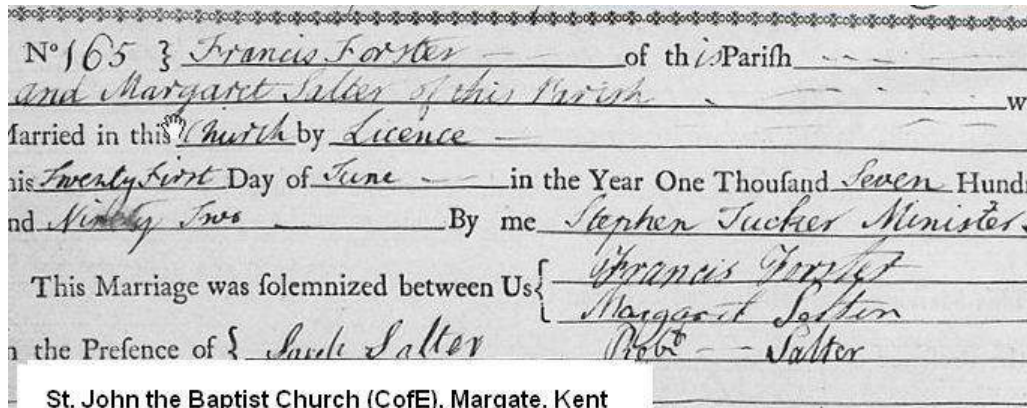


In 1789 Francis married Anne Forster (according to the pedigree chart). The marriage was at St. George, Bloomsbury (CofE) in Middlesex, just outside of the City of London.

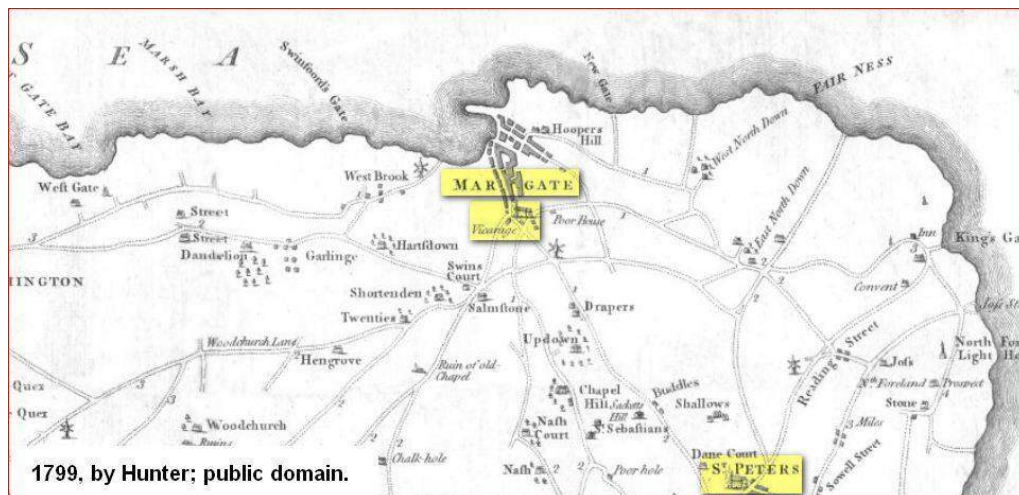


Anne Forster was buried on October 9, 1791 at St. James, Westminster, Middlesex, perhaps in connection with the birth of daughter Anne. Anne married George Stromborn Peacock on May 31, 1819 at St. John, Horsleydown, Southwark, Surrey and again on June 6, 1820 at St. John the Baptist Church in Margate. On October 11, 1821 Ann Peacock was buried in Oare Parish, Sussex, age 28 (which should be 30). [Note: George Peacock and a subsequent wife emigrated to Sorell, Tasmania in the 1830's and he served many years as the Sorell school master.]

On June 21, 1792 Francis Forster married Margaret Salter at St. John the Baptist Church in Margate, Kent, by licence. Sarah and Robert Salter, Margaret's siblings, were witnesses. (Fn 3)



MARGATE, a sea-port town, situated on the northern side of the pleasant island of Thanet, is at present a place of fashionable resort for sea-bathing. It is seventy-three miles north-east of London, and seventeen from Canterbury; it is a member of the port of Dover, and has a pleasant harbour, much improved and secured lately by an elegant and spacious pier of stone. Many of the nobility and persons of distinction make this healthy spot their country residence during the summer months [Source: 1794 Universal British Directory.]



Although not listed in the quarterly assessments made by the parish of St. John the Baptist in Margate until May 1808, Francis and Margaret and their first child, son Francis, who was baptized at St. John's on July 27, 1793, may have resided in Margate. By May 1794 the family resided in the parish of St. Peter-in-Thalet, as indicated by church quarterly assessment records. Their property included a house, stables, chaise-house, out-buildings, kitchen garden and pleasure grounds. It was near Church-street and Dane Court. (Fn 4).



From 1795 through 1806, Francis and Margaret Forster baptized the following children in the parish church of St. Peter-in-Thalet: Charles Francis (1795); John (1798); Margaret (1801); Margaret Frances (1802); and William (1805). Margaret was buried in 1801 and William in 1806. (Fn 5)

In connection with the administration of his father William's estate, Francis stated in a bond he signed on December 22, 1801 that he was from St. Peter's. Polling records from 1802 listed *freeholder* Francis Forster (abode St. Peter). In May 1807 Francis put his property on the property market, seeking a tenant.

Kentish Gazette, May 29, 1807

ISLE OF THANET.
 To be Let and Entered upon at Midsummer or Michaelmas next,
A MESSUAGE or TENEMENT, with good stabling, chaise-house, out-buildings, kitchen garden and pleasure grounds, pleasantly situate in the village of St. Peter the Apostle in the Isle of Thanet, two miles from Margate and Ramsgate, and one from Broadstairs and Kingsgate, forming a complete and desirable residence for a genteel family, and now in the occupation of Francis Forster, esq.
 The tenant may be accommodated with an acre of pasture land adjoining.
 For particulars enquire of JOHN MOCKETT, esq. St. Peter's, or Mr. MOUNT, attorney at law, Canterbury.

Meanwhile, the July 17, 1807 *Kentish Weekly Post* advertised the freehold Bryan House located on Hoopers Hill near Stephen Hooper's horizontal mill in Margate for sale by auction *with immediate possession*. Although no record of the sale has been located, Bryan House must have been purchased by Francis Forster at the auction. He renamed the property Northumberland House. In 1808 Francis' son Charles Francis Forster carved his initials and the year into the wall of the Vortigern (or Margate) Cave, which had an entrance on the Northumberland House property. (Fn 6)



Beginning in 1808 Francis and Margaret Forster baptized their children at St. John the Baptist in Margate: Robert (1808); Sarah (1809); Philippa Frances (1810); Frances (1811); William (1814); and Thomas (died young). (Fn 7)



St. John the Baptist, Margate, Kent, 1991, by William Archerd.

Upon the death of his uncle Charles Francis Forster in 1807, Francis Forster succeeded to the Low Buston properties Charles Francis had received from his father pursuant to the 1762 settlement (chapter 1).

On December 12, 1808 Francis wrote to his Margate banker Francis Cobb of the Cobb Bank concerning a large financial transaction for the benefit of “Mr Harris; he mentioned “Capt B” who probably was Captain Hugh Baikie (second husband of Francis’ mother). (Fn 8) Mr. Harris might be Thomas Harris, who in 1801 owned a taylor’s shop on Crescent Place and a smithy and house.

On December 3, 1810, at the opening of the new Margate Catch Club room at the Fountain Hotel, “F. Forster, esq. presented the club with a superb marble chimney-piece.” [Source: December 11, 1810, *Kentish Gazette*.]

Holden's 1811 Margate Directory included Francis Forster of Northumberland House.

On May 12, 1814 Francis wrote from Buston Vale nr Alnwick to his banker Francis Cobb relative to Francis' debt to the Cobb Bank. Francis mentioned Mrs. Price, calling her a friend of Mrs. Forster. In July 1814, still (or again) in Buston Vale, Francis wrote to Mr. Cobb about his debt, and he made a reference to his banking relationship with Sir Rich Carr Glynn House and to the Burtons. (Fn 9)

On October 25, 1814, in Warkworth, Northumberland, near Buston Vale, Francis Forster, the oldest child of Francis and Margaret, married Susanne Clutterbuck of Warkworth Parish.

On October 29, 1817, at Margate St. John, Francis and Margaret’s son Charles Francis Forster married Harriet Caroline Gordon by license with consent of Robert Salter, her guardian.

Francis Forster, finding Low Buston “heavily charged and mortgaged, sold it in 1818 to Nicholas Appleby of Eastfield and John Appleby of Alnmouth for £22,150.” (Fn 10) [£22,150 in 1818 would have a purchasing power in 2023 of £2,428,693.]

On October 1, 1828, at St. John the Evangelist, Smith Square, Westminster, London, Francis and Margaret's son John Forster wed Grace Louisa Wood.

“There is a rumour that in the 1830's the Duchess of Kent made overtures for renting Northumberland House for a proposed Holiday with her young daughter (later Queen Victoria). Forster declined as he had a valuable wine cellar and would not move out for any Princess”. (Fn 11)

On August 15, 1831, at St. John the Baptist in Margate, daughter Margaret Frances Forster married Henry Druitt of Parish of St. John the Baptist (Hoxton) in Shoreditch, Middlesex.

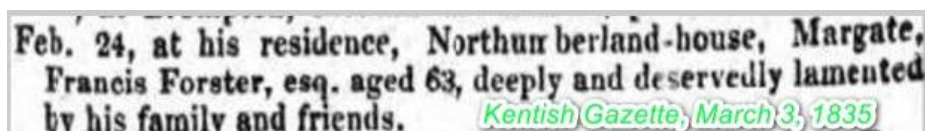
Robert Salter, Francis' brother-in-law, created a residuary trust in his 1831 Will for the benefit of his wife Susanna for life, with the remainder to his sister Margaret Forster for life (and the trust assets were to be free from the debts and control of her present and future husbands) and then to Margaret's children. Susanna died in 1850, and Margaret died in 1854.

On August 26, 1832, at St. James the Apostle in Dover, Francis and Margaret's son Robert Forster of Dover St. Mary the Virgin married Elizabeth Prescott of Dover St. James, by licence. Witnesses were Francis Prescott and Philippa F. Forster.

On February 23, 1833 Margaret Forster was left a small legacy by her friend Dr. Daniel Jarvis.

Robert Salter amended his Will on March 22, 1833. The Codicil named the then surviving children of his sister Margaret Forster: Francis, Charles, John, Margaret Frances (Druitt), Robert, Philippa Frances and Frances.

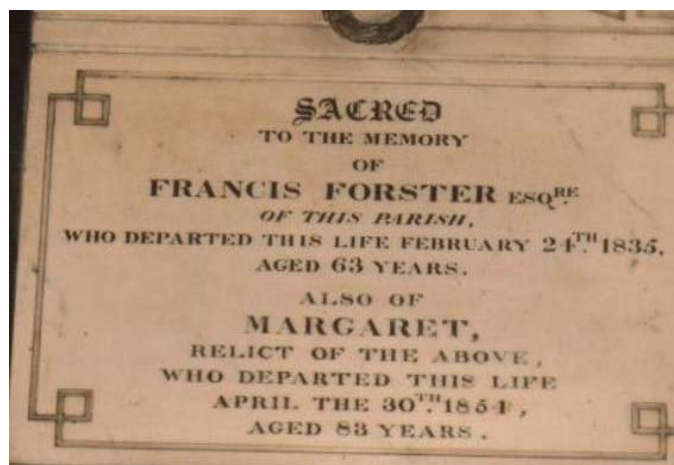
Francis Forster made his Will on April 12, 1834 and amended it by Codicil on February 2, 1835. He described himself as being of Northumberland Place in the parish of St. John the Baptist, Isle of Thanet. He left his real estate interests in trust. The trustees were his Warkworth friend John Forster, his Margate banker Francis William Cobb and his friend James Baikie of Percy Street Bedford Square (who replaced surgeon Joshua Waddington). James Baikie was Francis' brother-in-law and a nephew of Hugh Baikie who had married Francis' mother Mary after Francis' father William died. (Fn 12)



Feb. 24, at his residence, Northumberland-house, Margate, Francis Forster, esq. aged 63, deeply and deservedly lamented by his family and friends. *Kentish Gazette, March 3, 1835*

Francis left his wife Margaret a life estate in the income from his testamentary trust. All of his real estate was to be sold. When Margaret died, the proceeds from the sale of Waterloo House were to be used to pay two obligations of his son Charles Francis, being £400 owed to John Forster and £150 owed to the Cobb Bank. The remaining proceeds were to be held in trust and the income to be paid for life to daughter-in-law Harriet Caroline, for her own use independent of her husband Charles Francis and not to be subject to his debts, control or engagements. Upon the death of Charles Francis and when Harriet Caroline died or remarried, the trust income was to be for the benefit of their children. Each child was to take his or her principal share outright at age 21. Children of deceased children would take *per stirpes*. [Note: Harriet Caroline died in 1840 and Charles Francis in 1851.]

The Will left to wife Margaret the supply of wines and liquors and the other personal estate for life. Upon Margaret's death, the remaining personal estate, including specified stocks, funds and securities, was to go to children John, Margaret (Druitt), Robert, Philippa Frances and Frances. The Will explained that son Francis had already received *sums* and that son Charles Francis had received *advances*. Wife Margaret, whose father was identified as Samuel Salter, was appointed to administer the Will.



Mrs. M. Forster (*gentlewoman*) continued living at Northumberland House in Margate. (Fn 13)

An 1840 tithe record for St. John the Baptist in Margate listed widow Forster as the owner and occupier of four parcels: No. 627, arable (under cultivation), 2.1.27; No. 637, arable, 3.1.15; No. 639 cottage outbldgs & garden (under cultivation), 0.0.29; and No. 640 house outbldgs & garden (under cultivation), 0.1.28. Total Quantity=6.1.19. Vicarial Appropriator=1.8.6.

In the 1841 Margate census for Northumberland House: Margaret Forster, 70, of independent means; Philippa Forster, 30; Frances Forster, 29; and Honour Forster, 10; and servants Anna Johnson, 24, and Elizabeth Caspell, 28. [Note: Philippa and Frances were Margaret's youngest children, and Honour was Margaret's granddaughter by her son John.] Next to Northumberland House on the southeast side was a house named Hoopers Hill, occupied by surgeon David

Price, 50, his wife Matilda, 45, eight children, and three servants. On the northwest side of Northumberland House was Northumberland Crescent. (Fn 14)

“Dr. Price and his wife next door to Northumberland House gave a most delightful entertainment in their house in Northumberland Place [in Feb. 1846] to a large and elegant assemblage of friends. The party broke up at 4 am. I would say that Margaret Forster would have attended.” (Fn 15)

In the 1851 census for Northumberland House (having been split into two residences): (i) Margaret Forster, 80, gentlewoman & proprietor of houses & annuitant, born Margate; daughter Philippa F., unmarried, 40; daughter Frances, unmarried, 39; housemaid Mary Foreman, 20; and cook Jane Horn, 20; and (ii) William Caveler, 36, architect, born Canterbury, with his wife and assorted others. The next house was Hoopers Hill, occupied by doctor David Price (general practice) and his family. (Fn 16)

SALE THIS DAY.
MARGATE, KENT.
A VALUABLE
FREEHOLD ESTATE,
Known as **NORTHUMBERLAND** HOUSE, capital
COACH-HOUSES & STABLING, large GARDENS,
and the celebrated VORTIGEN or SUBTERRANEAN
CAVES, the whole at an estimated rental of £190 per
annum. Also,
SEVEN NEWLY-ERECTED
FREEHOLD DWELLING **HOUSES**
Situate in EAST CRESCENT, MARGATE,
WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
BY MR. J. STANER,
ON TUESDAY, the 29th day of AUGUST,
1865, at the WHITE HART HOTEL, MARGATE,
at Two for Three o'clock in the Afternoon,
IN EIGHT LOTS
Kentish Gazette - Tuesday 29 August 1865

Margaret Forster's 1853 Will left all her estate to her daughters Philippa Frances and Frances and appointed them executrices. No other persons were identified. There was reference to an indebtedness to Cobb and Company. The Will was proved on June 24, 1854. (Fn 17)

Death notice for Margaret: “Aged 83, Margaret, relict of Francis Forster, esq., of Margate.” (Fn 18) [Note: St. John the Baptism burial record for Margaret Foster (*sic*), 83, on May 8, 1854, abode Margate, by curate C.L. Alexander.]

Margaret's daughter Frances also died in 1854 and was buried on November 21 that year at St. John the Baptist. Her sister Philippa administered her mother's Will and also Frances' Will. Philippa received the entire estates of both her mother and her sister. In 1856 she married a retired customs officer, George Blake, and moved to Tunbridge Wells. She lived until 1868.

Salter Inlaws

Margaret Forster was a daughter of Samuel Salter and Margaret Lad of Margate. Samuel was baptized in St. John the Baptist on April 15, 1735 and he was buried there on July 12, 1792. His marriage on April 27, 1762 to Margaret Lad was at the same church. Samuel was a Margate *tallow chandler*. Margaret Lad was baptized there on January 13, 1737/8, and, as Margaret Salter, she was buried in St. John the Baptist churchyard on November 29, 1772. The Salters had five children: Robert (1763); Sarah (1764); William (1767); Margaret (1768) and Margaret (1770). William died at 4 months, and the first Margaret at 17 months. Sarah, a spinster, died at age 57 and was buried at St. John's on September 21, 1821.

Samuel Salter made his Will on March 12, 1791, leaving all his property to his three surviving children "share and share alike." He also gave son Robert the option to purchase the "implements and utensils of my trade" from the estate. Robert was named Executor. Witnesses were Daniel Jarvis, George Dixon and Zechariah Cozens. The Will was proved on November 1, 1794 at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. (Fn 19)

Footnotes:

1. Parish registers of St. George and St. Leonard, Deal, Kent, viewed on FindMyPast.
2. *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, p. 539, compiled by J.A. Venn, 1944, Cambridge, at the University Press.
3. Parish register of St. John the Baptist, Margate, Kent, viewed on FindMyPast.
4. Assessment records of St. John the Baptist (film #8309438, familysearch.org) and of St. Peter-in-Thamet (film #8450614, familysearch.org); and Kentish Gazette of May 29, 1807 describing the property in St. Peter's.
5. Parish register of St. Peter-in-Thamet, Kent, viewed on FindMyPast.
6. Stories that a gardener working for Francis Forster discovered the Vortigern (or Margate) Cave in 1798 behind Northumberland House are untrue. Francis did not own the property until 1807.
7. Parish register of St. John the Baptist (Fn 3).
8. Cobb Papers EK/U1453/B3/15/680, formerly at East Kent Archives, and now at Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone.
9. Cobb Papers. (Fn 8)
10. *Low Buston*, by J. C. Hodgson, p. 522, Vol. XII, Part III.-1889, History of the Berwickshire Naturalists' Club, 1887-1889; printed (for the club) in 1890 by Henry Hunter Blair, Market Place, Alnwick.
11. Email in 2008 from S. Foad (a collector of "all things Margate").

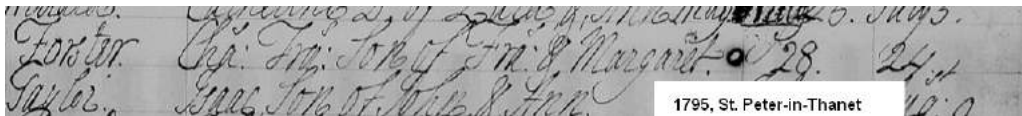
12. Will of Francis Forster, made in 1834, with 1835 Codicil (PCC PROB 11/1849/210).
13. Pigot's 1839, 1840 and 1844 Directories, and Kelly's 1845 and 1849 Directories.
14. 1841 census – Northumberland House: HO 107/468/16/84.
15. Email in 2008 from S. Foad, expressing her opinion about February 1846 *Kentish Gazette* news clipping.
16. 1851 census – Northumberland House: HO 107/ 1639/10/394.
17. 1853 Will of Margaret Forster (PCC PROB 11/2193/4.
18. 1854 obituary of Margaret Forster from *The Gentleman's Magazine*, p. 669 (publisher F. Jefferies et al).
19. 1791 Will of Samuel Salter (Canterbury Cathedral Archives, PC/469).



St. John the Baptist in Margate, by William F. Archerd, 1991.

4. Charles Francis Forster (1795-1851)

Charles Francis Forster was the second son of Francis and Margaret (Salter) Forster. He was born May 28, 1795 and baptized July 24, 1795 in the parish of St. Peter-in-Thonet.

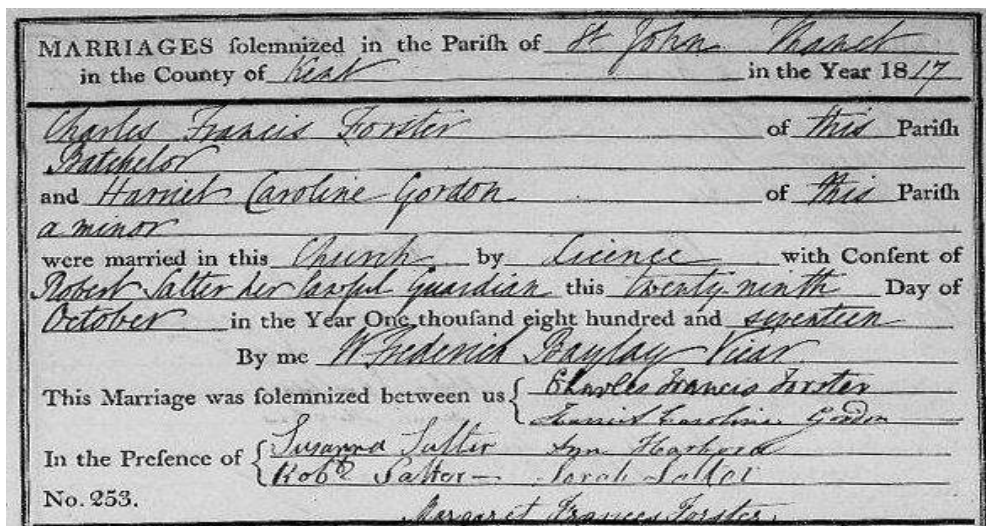


Charles Francis was raised in the village of St. Peter, and from 1807 in Margate, at Northumberland House.

On October 25, 1814 Charles Francis witnessed the marriage of his older brother Francis to Susanne Clutterbuck in Warkworth parish.

On March 13, 1815 Charles Francis advised Margate banker Francis Cobb that Charles intended to enter the business of importing and selling Brown's Walls End Coals. (Fn1)

On October 29, 1817 Charles Francis Forster married Harriet Caroline Gordon at St. John the Baptist in Margate, by licence dated October 27. Witnesses were Susanna Salter, Ann Harbord, Robert Salter, Sarah Salter and Margaret Frances Forster. The licence stated that Charles Francis and Robert Salter were gentlemen.



Harriet Caroline was born April 18, 1797 and was baptized December 20, 1799 at Clerkenwell St. James, Islington, Middlesex. Her parents were not named in the baptism record.

On June 1, 1818 Charles Francis Forster and Harriet Caroline Gordon were married a second time, by banns, in the parish of All Hallows, Barking by the Tower, City of London. Witnesses were Samuel Lancaster Jun'r and Sarah Salter. Harriet Caroline was of legal age.

City of London > All Hallows, Barking By the Tower > 1813-1828

Charles Francis Forster of *this* Parish
Bachelor
 and *Harriet Caroline Gordon* of *this* Parish
Spinster
 were married in this *Church* by *Banns* with Consent of
 this *First* Day of
June in the Year One thousand eight hundred and *eighteen*
 By me *Thos. Wm. Robe, Officiating Minister*
 This Marriage was solemnized between us { *Charles Francis Forster*
Harriet Caroline Gordon
 In the Presence of { *Samuel Lancaster Jun'r*
Sarah Salter
 No. 167.

Charles Francis and Harriet Caroline baptized daughter Susannah on December 6, 1818 at St. John the Baptist in Margate.

The next child was baptized on March 15, 1820 at St. John the Baptist and was named William Burroughs Forster. (Fn 2)

<i>March</i> <i>15th</i>	<i>William - Charles</i> <i>Burroughs - Forster</i> <i>son of</i> <i>Harriet Caroline</i>	<i>Forster</i>	<i>Margate</i>	<i>Coal-</i> <i>Merchant</i>	<i>J. C. Salter</i> <i>Officiating Minister</i>
No. 1412.		St. John, Margate			

Charles Francis Forster was declared insolvent and bankrupt, according to *The London Gazette* on November 10, 1821: "C. F. Forster, of Margate, coal-merchant, Nov. 12, 15, and 22, at twelve, at the Royal Hotel, Margate. Solicitor, Mr. Boys, Margate." On November 20, the *Kentish Weekly Post* announced "Forster's Bankruptcy" and directed all persons indebted to Forster to pay their debts within 21 days to Robert Salter, Robert Foat or Mr. Boys.

Charles Francis and Harriet Caroline Forster had additional children and baptized them (and in some cases buried them) at St John the Baptist in Margate: John Baldy (July 13, 1822 - February 13, 1823); Harriet Caroline (September 24, 1823 - August 24, 1840); Margaret Frances (April 13, 1825); Robert Salter (August 16, 1826 - August 27, 1827); Philippa Frances (January 9, 1828 - January 11, 1828) - Sarah (May 29, 1830 - June 1, 1830); Charles (May 3,

1832); and Robert Salter (October 29, 1833). In all of these baptisms (until second Robert), father Charles Francis was listed as a coal merchant; for second Robert, he was an auctioneer.

The 1824 and 1826 *Pigot's Directories* listed Charles Francis Forster, coal merchant & undertaker, of Waterloo House, Margate. Waterloo House was owned by his father Francis Forster. It was located on upper Hawley Street (later called Trinity Hill) and was close to Northumberland House.

In 1831 Mrs. C. F. Forster of Margate was a subscriber to the publication of *Reminiscences of Eton*, by Henry John Crickett Blake. Among the other subscribers were Sir R. Burton, Sacket's Hill near Margate; J. Baikie, Esq., London; Mrs. Brooke, Margate; and R. Salter, Margate.

On August 27, 1833 the *Kentish Gazette* carried an auction advertisement showing "C. F. Forster" as the auctioneer, as agent for the Dering and Brooke firm of Solicitors on Cecil Square in Margate. Two more ads appeared in the *Kentish Gazette* of October 29, 1833 showing Charles Francis as the auctioneer. In one was the statement that he was an agent for Norwich Union Insurance Office.

Robert Salter died on March 22, 1833, and was buried on April 1, 1833. Attending the funeral were his widow, his sister Mrs. Francis Forster, his son-in-law and wife Charles Francis and Harriet Caroline Forster, and John Forster, Henry Druitt, Robert Forster, Philippa Frances Forster, Frances Forster and William Burroughs Forster. [Source: Gore Bros. (the undertaker) ledger – see Appendix.]

In late February 1835 Charles Francis' father Francis died. His Will provided that when his wife died the proceeds from the sale of Waterloo House were to be used to pay two obligations of his son Charles Francis - £400 owed to John Forster and £150 owed to Messrs. Cobb and Son. The remaining proceeds were to be held in trust and the income to be paid for life to daughter-in-law Harriet Caroline for her own use, and after her death for the use of the children of Charles Francis and Harriet Caroline. The Will stated that Charles Francis had received "advances" of his share of the estate, and nothing further was given him by the Will.

On October 18, 1835, Charles Francis and Harriet Caroline baptized son Robert Salter (a second time) and son Francis. Charles Francis was identified as an undertaker in the baptism records.

C. F. Forster published auction notices in Kentish Gazettes in March, June and Sept. 1836.

On March 10, 1836 Susanna Salter wrote to Mr. Lewis of the Cobb banking firm of Margate: "Ps/ I shall feel obliged by your calling upon Mr. Dering with my compliments & request[ing] him to obtain from C. F. Forster the payment of £4.14.9 due to me on the 5 of January last. As you will be sending to me soon. Susanna Salter" (Fn 3) [Note: Mr. Dering was likely from the Dering and Brooke solicitors in Margate.]

THE Creditors of C. F. FORSTER, Waterloo House, MARGATE, Undertaker, &c. are requested to send in their claims upon the estate at his late Dwelling aforesaid immediately, and are hereby apprised that an assignment of all his effects is made for the benefit of all concerned.

Margate, 10th April, 1837.

Kentish Gazette, April 11, 1837

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
THAT CHARLES FRANCIS FORSTER, of MARGATE, in the Isle of Thanet, in the County of Kent, Auctioneer and Undertaker, by Indenture bearing date the Fifteenth day of April instant, hath Assigned all his personal Estate and Effects unto GARTON CROW, of MARGATE aforesaid, ironmonger, and GEORGE HADLOW, of the same place, stonemason, for the benefit of all the Creditors of the said Charles Francis Forster, who shall execute the said Deed of Assignment. And that the said deed was executed by the said Charles Francis Forster, Garton Crow, and George Hadlow, on the said 15th day of April instant. That the execution of such deed by the said Charles Francis Forster, is attested by GEORGE WILLIAM LEDGER, of DOVER, in the County of Kent, Attorney-at-Law, and THOMAS BUSBRIDGE COLEMAN, his Clerk; and the execution of the same deed by the said Garton Crow and George Hadlow is attested by WILLIAM JOHN WILLETT, of MARGATE aforesaid, Attorney-at-Law, and GEORGE WICKENS, his Clerk. And that the said deed now lies at the Office of Messieurs BROOKE and WILLETT, in MARGATE aforesaid, for the signature of the Creditors of the said Charles Francis Forster. —Dated this twenty-ninth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven.

BROOKE and WILLETT, Margate,

Kentish Gazette, May 2, 1837

Solicitors to the Trustees.

Kentish Gazette, Sept. 19, 1837

NOTICE.

THE Creditors of CHARLES FRANCIS FORSTER, Insolvent, who have not already forwarded their Accounts, are requested to do so, on or before September the 30th instant, either to Mr. GARTON CROW, Ironmonger, Market Street; or to Mr. G. HADLOW, Mason, High Street, Assignees to the Estate, or they will be excluded the benefit arising from the proceeds of the Sale of the said Insolvent's Effects.

Margate, 9th September, 1837.

An “assignment for the benefit of creditors” was the final step of winding up the bankruptcy proceedings against Charles Francis. He lost all of his “personal Estate and Effects”. His wife Harriet tried to have several items of emotional value saved from the creditors, as indicated by the following letter she sent to the Cobb Bank on April 29, 1837 (Fn 4):

"I hope I shall not offend by addressing you on the present subject. I am informed that Mr. Jenkins has not yet disposed of what little Plate I had; it is valued at a very small amount; some of the articles were given to Charles and myself when we married, by old and departed friends and it is painful to me to lose them. I have therefore taken the liberty of asking you to buy them and hold them until I could redeem them. Mr. Crow has kindly purchased a set of tea spoons, which I regretted parting with. They were given me by Lady Burton (Charles' Aunt) and he had promised to keep them for me on these conditions. Mr. Forster and I had some conversations a

little time since respecting getting my second boy Charles into the Blue Coat School [charity school for impoverished gentry] & he had an idea that you had some interest in the Institution. If you have I should feel very grateful if you could do anything in his behalf as I fear my means will be very limited to afford education for my dear children. I hope Mrs. Cobb yourself and family are well and believe me Sir, Yours respectfully, H. C. Forster."

"Mrs. Forster received the enclosed cheque from Mrs. Harriett yesterday, being ninety pounds for the present payment and ten pounds due to other payment of Chas. F. Forster's indebt's up to September. Northumberland Place Monday March 5/38 The above has been acknowledged by Chas. Forster." (Fn 5)

Transcription of Charles Francis Forster letter: "London July 28, 1838, 15 Walbrook Place. Dear Sir, I trust you will excuse the liberty I take in enclosing you a few cards hoping that should opportunity offer that you will give them to some of your friends in Town which might perhaps be the means of doing me a very essential service, and allow me to add that if you could second my recommendation on the furnishing at Margate. I should be most willing to attend to it personally / I mean the furnishing part / as you are well aware that in many recent cases that the coffins have been made by the carpenters, and your kind interference will oblige Yrs Respectively Chas Frns Forster." (Fn 6)

1839. Marriage solemnized by <i>James</i> in the <i>Parish of Stepney</i> in the County of <i>Middlesex</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
416	<i>October 10</i>	<i>John Eastwood</i>	<i>full age</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Sungroon</i>	<i>17 Walb. St. Lenthwork</i>	<i>John Eastwood</i>	<i>Merchant</i>
		<i>Susannah Forster</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>Spinster</i>		<i>White End Road</i>	<i>Charles Francis Forster</i>	<i>Banker</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <i>Church of England</i> by me, <i>James</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>John Eastwood</i>		In the Presence of us,		<i>Chas. F. Forster</i> <i>Henry Lewis</i> <i>Robert Forster</i>		

On October 10, 1839, Charles Francis and Harriet Caroline's daughter Susannah married John Eastwood at a church in Stepney, Middlesex.

<i>Twenty 10th</i>	<i>of Middlesex</i>	<i>Harriet Caroline</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Wife of</i>	<i>Charles Francis Forster</i>	<i>Residence of</i>	<i>Chas. F. Forster</i>
<i>1840</i>	<i>1840</i>	<i>Forster</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Wife of</i>	<i>Charles Francis Forster</i>	<i>the Rectory</i>	<i>17 Cannon St. Church</i>

Charles and Harriet had one more child, Maria Forster born in 1840 (birth registration London City). Also in 1840 daughter Harriet Caroline died in August 1840 (death registration London

City). On November 26, 1840, at 17 Camomile Street in London, Harriet Caroline Forster, wife of Charles Francis, died. Harriet Caroline's death was registered in London City for the fourth quarter of 1840, at Vol. 2, p. 118. She was buried at St. John the Baptist in Margate; her marker stone was placed in the churchyard.

Harriet Caroline Forster	Margate	1840 December 2nd	43	R.W. Dodkin. Minister.
No. 1563.				

The 1841 census for Allhallows London Wall Parish (Camomile St.), City of London: Charles Forster, 45, undertaker; M. Forster, 10; Robt Forster, 7; Francis Forster, 5; Maria Forster, 9 months; and S. Redwood, 36, servant; and H. Rose, 15, servant.

1841: City of London PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
	Uninhabited or Building	Inhabited		Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Parts.
(Do)			Chs Forster	45		Undertaker		
Camomile St.			M Forster	10				
			Robt Forster	7				
			Francis Forster	5				
			Maria Forster	9 mo				
			S Redwood	36		Servant		
			H Rose	15		Servant		

The 1841 census for Spring Factor House in Meltham, Yorkshire: John Eastwood, 20, surgeon; his wife Susannah; and Susannah's brother Charles Forster, 10.

On December 11, 1841 widower Charles Francis Forster married Sarah Redwood in the Parish of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, London, by licence. Witness John Forster was Charles Francis' younger brother, and the other witness was John's wife.

1841. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St. Botolph in the County of London									
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.	
131	Dec 11 1841	Charles Francis Forster	45	Widower	Surgeon	7, Bishopsgate St.	Francis Forster	Surgeon	
		Sarah Redwood	36	Spinster			John Redwood	Surgeon	
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Church of England</u> by <u>John Forster</u> Minister.									
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>Chas. Francis Forster</u>		in the Presence of us,		<u>John Forster</u>		<u>John Forster</u>	
		<u>Sarah Redwood</u>				<u>John Redwood</u>		<u>John Redwood</u>	

Sarah Redwood was from Birchington and was an old servant of the family “much beloved” by the children. She died giving birth to her first child and the child also died. (Fn 7). Sarah (Redwood) Forster, 38, was buried Nov. 10, 1842 at St. John the Baptist in Margate. (Fn 8).

In 1842 Susannah (Forster) and John Eastwood had a son named Robert Salter Eastwood. He was baptized on April 4, 1842 in Meltham, Yorkshire. Susannah died before the end of 1843. [Note: there are two Susannah Eastwood death registrations in Huddersfield R.D. (covering the Meltham area), one in the last quarter of 1842 and a second in the last quarter of 1843).]

On October 24, 1842, William Burroughs Forster, born 1820 to Charles Francis and Harriet Caroline, was married in the Scots Church in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia to Mary Anne Porter, born in 1823. William died at sea in 1847. [See Chapter 11.]

“Being again left with still his small family he again married a person who he engaged as housekeeper, named Terry, to whom I mainly owe my present position, but I blame myself for being self willed and careless, never allowing myself to stand corrected.” (Fn 9)

On May 27, 1844 Charles Francis Forster married Eliza D'Jervornais Terry in the Parish of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, London.

1844. Marriage solemnized at St. Botolph in the Parish of St. Botolph in the County of London.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
318	May 27 1844.	Charles Francis Forster of age 24		Unmarried	Undertaker	Devonshire Place	Charles Francis Forster	Plutonium
		Eliza D'Jervornais Terry of age 21		Single			Mr. Fred. Terry	Bookbinder

Married in the Scots Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Establishment of this country by me Wm. Frederick Terry

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Chas. F. Forster in the Presence of us, William Frederick Terry John Smith John

Eliza D'Jervornais Terry

On May 31, 1846, Charles Francis and Eliza Forster baptized their son Frederick William at All Hallows London Wall Parish; the baptism record shows a birth date on June 10, 1845.

The 1845 Will of Susanna Salter (sister-in-law of Margaret (Salter) Forster) included testamentary trust provisions for the benefit of Charles Francis Forster’s children Margaret Frances, Charles, Robert, Francis and Maria, and separate provisions for William Burroughs Forster and Robert Salter Eastwood.

In the 1846 City of London Post Office Directory: *Forster, Chas Fras, Undertaker, 19 Devonshire Place, Bishopsgate.*

John Eastwood was on the certifying surgeons list of the Factory Office in 1849 (May 31, 1849 report of London Factory Office). He died before May 1851 when the Factory office reported “the death of Mr. John Eastwood, of Meltham, an active and intelligent certifying surgeon”). In the 1851 census Robert S. Eastwood, boarder, 9, scholar, born Meltham, was at Ing Cottage in Meltham with national schoolmaster Thomas H. Lawford, 32, and national schoolmistress Mary Lawford. Robert Eastwood was buried in Meltham on June 28, 1859.

Charles Francis Forster died on March 19, 1851 at 97, London Wall of “disease of the lung/some time.” The informant was his son Francis. “. . . at my Fathers death an allowance was made to Terry to keep a home for us [and] her son Fred was then about 7 years old. There were 3 of us living at that time, Charles, Robert and Frank [aka Francis]. Charles was apprenticed to [Money] Wigram of Blackwell [shipbuilders and shipowners in the London docklands area] and was little at home. Robert was indentured [with John] Collins Tailor and Outfitter of Red Lion St. Holborn.” (Fn 10)

27	March 1851	Charles Francis Forster	Male	97	Meddoker	Disease of Lung some time	Francis Forster Present at the death of London Wall London	Family Record March 1851	London
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Charles Forster may have been at sea in 1851 and was not in the census. According to his brother Francis, Charles served on an escort ship in the Crimean War and happened to meet Francis at Balaclava. Charles appears to have died on a hospital ship anchored near Greenwich in 1856. There is a Dreadnought Seamen’s Hospital at Greenwich. Robert Forster was in the 1851 census household of John Collings, 38, a tailor employing 3 men in Holborn, Middlesex. Robert died in the 4th quarter of 1855, according to a death registration at St. George Southwark registration district.

On March 30, 1851, shortly after the death of Charles Francis Forster, the census for the Parish of St. Stephen, London, at 67 (sic), London Wall (a building with four flats/households) included Eliza Forster, 32, widow, no occupation, born Paddington, Middlesex; Francis, son, 15, sailor, born Margate, Kent; and Thomas W. (sic, Frederick W.), son, 5, scholar, born Bishopsgate, Middlesex.

In the 1861 census for the Parish of St. George, Southwark, Surrey, at 96 Donough St.: Charlotte Terry, widow, 68, habit maker, born Knightbridge, Middlesex; and her widowed daughter Eliza Forster, 40, habit maker. Charlotte died in the second quarter of 1864 (Strand, London reg. district). Eliza died in 1875 and was buried on July 6 at the City of London and Tower Hamlets Cemetery. [Note: She was baptized at St. Marylebone in 1813 by William Frederick Terry and Charlotte d’Jervornais.]

At the time of the 1861 census, there were only three living descendants of Charles Francis Forster - son Francis Forster (Chapter 5), grandson William Charles Forster (son of William Burroughs Forster) (chapter 11), and son Frederick William Forster (chapter 11).

Footnotes:

1. Letter of March 13, 1815 from Charles Francis Forster to F. Cobb, Esqre, from Cobb Papers, EK/U1453/B3/15/677, formerly at East Kent Archives, and now at Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone. A copy of the letter is included in the Appendix. Charles may have intended to purchase coal from Brown brothers of 12, Quayside, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. William Turner was the agent.
2. See Chapter 11 for the biography of William Burroughs Forster (1820-1847).
3. Cobb Papers, Fn 1.
4. Cobb Papers, Fn 1. A copy is included in the Appendix.
5. Cobb Papers, EK/U1453/B3/15/680. A copy is included in the Appendix.
6. Cobb Papers, EK/U1453 (rest of citation lost).
7. Autobiography written in 1880 by Francis Forster (1835-1883), copy included in Appendix.
8. A transcription of Sarah Forster's 1842 burial record at St. John the Baptist in Margate is available at familysearch.org.
9. Francis Forster autobiography, Fn 7.
10. Francis Forster autobiography, Fn 7.





Francis Forster - early 1870's probably
(original in Clifton Forster scrapbook)

5. Francis Forster (1835-1883)

Francis Forster was born in 1835 in Margate and baptized at St. Peter-in-Thamet on October 18, 1835 by his parents Charles Francis and Harriet Caroline Forster. (Fn 1)

Baptism Solemnized in the Parish of <i>S: Peter the Apostle in the County of Kent</i> in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and <i>Thirty five</i>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1835 October 18 No. 1826	Francis	Charles Francis Harriet Caroline	Forster	Margate	Undertaker	J. Brindley Curate

On April 29, 1837 Francis lived with his family in Birchington near Margate and in 1838 they were at 15, Walbrook Place. In 1840, the family was on Mile End Road. Harriet, Francis' mother died at 17, Camomile street in late 1840 and the 1841 census placed Francis at the same address. The next location was 77, Bishopsgate in late 1841. In May 1844 and as late as 1846 Francis was on Devonshire street. All of the addresses from 1840 to 1846 were relatively close to the eastern boundary between the City of London and Middlesex. (Fn 2)

In 1845 Francis' aunt Susanna Salter established a £100 testamentary trust for the benefit of Francis and his siblings Margaret Frances, Charles, Robert Salter and Maria. Francis was not aware of this arrangement until many years later. (Fn 3)

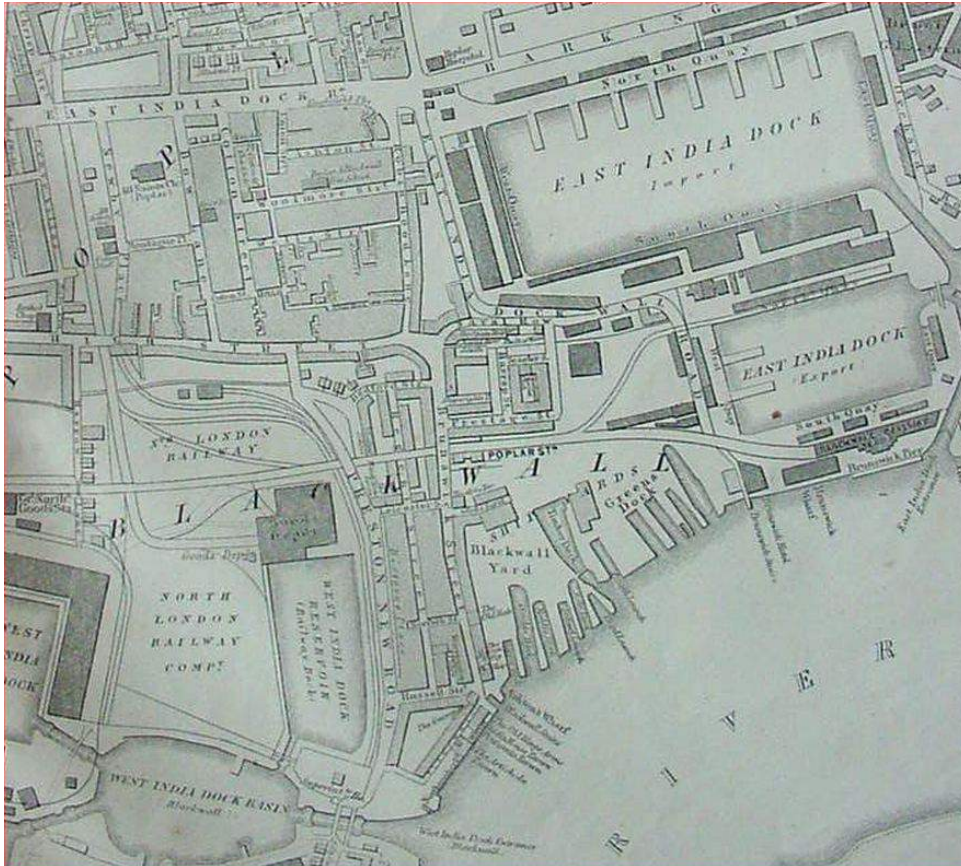
Francis may possibly have attended the boarding school for poor gentlemen at Christ's Hospital School in London during the early 1840's. However, records for the Christ's Hospital School in London do *not* include Francis Forster for this time period. (Fn 4)

On March 19, 1851, Charles Francis Forster died at 97, London Wall. Francis was listed as the informant in the death registration record. His survivors were listed in the 1851 census: Eliza Forster, widow, 38; Francis, 15, sailor; and Thomas (sic, Frederick) W., 5. (Fn 5)

In June 1851 Francis Forster was on the crew of a ship bound for Calcutta. The Captain was Mr. Lambert and the ship was owned by T & W Smith of Newcastle Street, London. Upon his return, uncle Henry Druitt "would not pay [Francis'] extra keeping" pursuant to the allowance that had been made for his stepmother Eliza and the minor children. Francis went to sea again on a ship of the P&O Company in Southampton. This "*gave mortal offence to all relations as I entirely by doing this drew myself apart from their views of advancement in life although I feel assured that had I been left alone I should no doubt have made my way in life.*" (Fn 6)

T & W Smith was a firm of shipbuilders whose origin was in Newcastle in the early 1800's. By 1828 the firm was building ships for the East India trade. In time they began running a line of

passenger vessels between London and the Cape of Good Hope, Madras and Calcutta. They were successful competitors to the Blackwall shipowners, Messrs. Green & Wigram. These two firms for many years did all the East India passenger trade. The Smith firm launched its first steamship in 1854. The firm name was changed in 1836 to “Thomas & William Smith.” The London operations were run by partner James Southern. (Fn 7)



The Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Company was formed about 1820 and in 1835 it started operating a regular steamer service between London and Spain and Portugal; in 1840 the company contracted with the British Admiralty to deliver mail to Alexandria, Egypt. (Fn 8)

The relatives Francis thought he offended, besides uncle Henry Druitt (a stock broker in London) and Francis' step-mother Eliza, may have included one or more of the following: his widowed aunt Susanne (Clutterbuck) Forster (living on investment income in Northumberland); his uncle John Forster (a London area banker); his uncle Robert Forster (a chemist) in Dover; his aunts Philippa and Frances Forster (spinsters living on their investments in Northumberland House in Margate); and his grandmother Margaret Forster (widow living on her investments in Northumberland House).

Francis' grandparents, Francis and Margaret Forster of Margate, were *gentry*, as was their eldest son Francis. The other male children had occupations in banking or commercial professions and remained in the upper part of society. The only son who was not successful was Charles Francis, father of Francis.

In 1854 uncle Henry Druitt arranged an *engagement* for Francis with a firm, and took steps to get Francis fired by the P&O Company where he was an apprentice. Francis believed that Druitt did this at the request of his step-mother. Francis told Druitt that he would enter the Army rather than accept Druitt's engagement, to which Druitt responded that Francis was too cowardly to do so. *"I left his office and went straight to Charles Street, Westminster and there enlisted in the name of Charles Smith in the 28th Regt. then serving in the Crimea."* (Fn 9)



Francis and his Regiment, led by Colonel Adams, were sent to the Crimea and served until the Treaty of Paris (March 30, 1856) ended the conflict. The Regiment was then sent to Fort St. Elmo in Malta in June 1856. It was there that Francis was promoted to Corporal. In September he received a letter from Eliza Forster, who had learned his whereabouts from brother Charles whom Francis had chanced upon at Balaclava. From Eliza's letter Francis learned that his brother Charles had died, leaving Francis as the sole surviving child of Charles Francis and Harriet Caroline Forster. Eliza's letter informed Francis that he was entitled to an inheritance from his great aunt *Mrs. Salter of Margate*. Francis secured a leave from Col. Adams, and he left Malta in April of 1857. He landed at Plymouth, went to London and arrived about Easter *in good health*. (Fn 10) [Note: Col. Frank Adams commanded the 28th Regiment of Foot (The North Gloucester) throughout the Eastern campaign of 1854-55, including battles of Alma and Inkerman, siege and fall of Sebastopol, and action on June 18th in the cemetery.] (Fn 11)

In the spring of 1857 Francis proved his identity to Mr. Gellalty of East India Road in London, the attorney administering the Susannah Salter estate, and received the inheritance. He bought his discharge from the 28th Regiment, as *Charles Smith*. *“My relations I suppose hearing through Terry [as he called his step-mother] that I was little changed in giving her any more respect did not seem to care much about giving me a great welcome.”* (Fn 12)

At this point Francis (as Charles Smith) joined the Metropolitan Police, but Mr. Druitt and Francis’ stepmother interfered and they did not allow Francis *to be at peace*. In October 1858, to escape the harassment, Francis enlisted in the 60th Rifles then at Winchester. He was soon promoted to Corporal. In Winchester he fell in love with Mary Hove, an assistant in the garrison school. Hove took some training in London and returned at Christmas in 1859 as the schoolmistress of this school. *“During this time I found out my cousin Wm. Druitt was a curate at a village called Chalkham nr Winchester. I made myself known to him and everything seemed to be very promising for me.”* Francis was made Sergeant and the Captain of his company *“seemed to take a great interest in me.”* (Fn 13) [Note: Francis was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant on July 11, 1861 and served one year and 183 days in that rank until January 9, 1863, according to his Discharge papers of December 1864.] (Fn 14)

The 60th Rifles were ordered to China. *“We arrived safely at Tein Tsin above the famous Peiko Fork, North China. Stopped till the conclusion of the war, and after the signing of the treaty before Tiensin.”* (Fn 15)




The 2nd battalion had its depot in Winchester in 1858. In 1859 the battalion was in Benares and China, in 1861 at Tien Tsin, in 1862, in Portsmouth and in 1863 Aldershot.

On August 2, 1860, the 2nd battalion served at the capture of Peh-Tang; on August 13 at the capture of Tang-Ku; on August 21 at the capture of Taku Forts; and on September 13 at the capture of Peking. Among the agreed points between the English and the Chinese in the "Heads of Convention" document of October 24, 1860: the Emperor of China was to pay an eight million tael indemnity to the British; the English ambassador was allowed to reside at Peking; Tien-tsin was to be open to British traders; and Kowloon was permanently ceded to the British. (Fn 16) Francis served in China for one & 5/12 years. (Fn 17)]

“Left there for Hong Kong en route for England in Sept 1860. Two companies were left in Cowloon (sic), one of which was the Company I belonged to, until December the same year. Before the headquarters of the Regt. left, Colonel Palmer, commanding, had written to get Mary Hove appointed to the Regt. on arrival and I received a mail or two later a letter telling me she was going to get married to a Sergt. Latham of the Military Train. I had sent her money by Bill of Exchange to make a home for us by my arrival, and what with exposing me to Regt. as a disappointed man near brought me to death's door. . . . I landed in England I think in April 1861 near ruined in health and strength, but the shadow of the man so well known and I knew respected. All were kind to me in the extreme for I think all knew how I had suffered and felt for me. I went on Sick Furlough to London and there found out how all this had come about. I mean Mary Hove's casting me off. The Revd. W. Druitt by some mischance mentioned to his Father after my leaving for China that I was thinking of marrying on my return. He spoke also to Mrs. Forster – Terry, as I called her, who made it her business to see M.A.H. and by her [doings] at last broke off this match. . . . Francis returned from furlough in London and deserted. He was “apprehended nr dead and locked up about 15th March that year, sent to Chester Castle, from there to my Regt. at Portsmouth, and was tried by court martial. Reduced and sentenced to 68 days, found guilty, reduced in rank, sent to prison for 68 days imprisonment and was branded with the letter D., a punishment little deserved.” (Fn 18)

Francis deserted on January 10, 1863 and was returned to his Regiment on April 1, 1863. His punishment may have lasted until May 26, 1863 (document very hard to read). His rank was reduced to private and he served in that capacity from May 7, 1863 until his discharge on December 9, 1864. In a Medical Report dated November 18, 1864, Francis was said to have chronic dysentery, chronic hepatitis and intermittent fever. The medical officer said that the conditions were caused by exposure to climatic influences during service, especially in China. Apparently the hepatitis was causing chronic enlargement of the liver, and a loss of physical strength. The principal Medical Officer confirmed the examination on December 13, 1864, and the Inspecting General signed off on December 29, 1864. The documentation for Francis' discharge from service describes him as 5' 7 1/4" tall; sallow complexion; hazel eyes, brown hair, and “marked with letter D” under “marks or scars upon the face, or other parts of the body”. (Fn 19)

After his discharge Francis became a Librarian at the Soldiers Institute, Aldershot, and then in the spring of 1865 he went to London and was hired as a steward on board the ship *Sardis* of New York. "Continued going to sea until the year 1873 when I stayed on shore and got married to my present wife in the name of Smith." (Fn 20) [Note: There is no 1871 census record for Smith.]



This Twenty-Eighth Day of *May* in the
Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and *Seventy Three*

ON which Day appeared personally
Charles Francis Smith residing at
No 25 Warwick St Birkenhead
and being sworn on the HOLY EVANGELISTS, alleged and made Oath
as follows:—That he is of the Age of *Twenty one*
Years and upwards and a *Bachelor* and intends to marry
Sarah Jane Hancock residing at
No 25 Warwick St Birkenhead
aged *Twenty one* Years and upwards, and a *Spinster*
and he prayed a Licence to solemnize the said Marriage in the
parish church of *St Andrew & St Peter*
Birkenhead aforesaid. In which said *Parish* the said
Charles Francis Smith further made Oath, That
the said *Sarah Jane Hancock* hath had her
usual Abode for the Space of Fifteen Days now immediately preceding.
And he further made Oath, That he believeth that there is no
impediment of Kindred or Alliance, or of any other lawful Cause,
nor any Suit commenced in any Ecclesiastical Court, to bar or hinder
the proceeding of the said Matrimony, according to the Tenor of the
said Licence.

Charles Francis Smith

The same Day the said
Charles Francis Smith
was sworn before me, } *This 29 day of May 1873* the said
Charles Francis Smith and *Sarah Jane Hancock*
before me *I Know* *L. Know* *L. Know*

Licence issued the *31st*
day of *May* 18*73*

Charles Francis Smith applied for a marriage licence on May 28, 1873, stating that he resided at No. 25 Warwick street in Birkenhead, Cheshire; the licence was issued on May 31. On June 1, 1873 Charles Francis Smith married Sarah Jane Hancock at the parish church in Birkenhead. Sarah Jane's father Richard Hancock resided at 25, Warwick street.

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1873 Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Birkenhead in the County of Chester

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
371	June 1 st 1873	Charles Francis Smith	35	Bachelor	Mariner	25, Marwick Street	Chas. Francis Smith	Custom's Officer
		Sarah Jane Hancock	27	Spinster		25, Marwick Street	Richard Hancock	Tailor

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Licence or after _____ by me, Samuel Hancock

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Charles Francis Smith in the Presence of us, Samuel Hancock and Margaret Bentley,
Sarah Jane Hancock

Witness Samuel Hancock was Sarah Jane's brother. Margaret Bentley was Samuel's fiance.

The birth of Sarah Jane Hancock on January 25, 1846 was registered in the Wirral Registration District by her father Richard Hancock of St. Mary's Gate, Birkenhead, a tailor. Her mother was Lavinia Robinson, formerly Fitzhugh.

Twenty-fifth of January 1846 St Mary's Gate Birkenhead	Sarah Jane Girl	Richard Hancock	Lavinia Robinson Hancock formerly Fitzhugh	Tailor	Richard Hancock Father St Mary's Gate Birkenhead	Twenty-fifth of January 1846 St Mary's Gate Birkenhead	1846
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The 1861 census listed Sarah Jane, 15, scholar, residing with her parents and brother Samuel at 16 Richmond Terrace in Birkenhead. The 1871 census shows her as one of four servants at the household of Ambrose Waln, a solicitor, in Claughton-cum-Grange, Birkenhead.

On June 13, 1875 Charles Francis and Sarah Jane Smith baptized their first child, son Frank, at Christ Church cum Grange near Birkenhead. Charles Francis was described as a dock policeman. The family resided at 32 Windsor St. near Oxton Road in Birkenhead. The next child was Ada Lavinia Smith. She was baptized at the same church. The family had moved to 41 Mornington St./Oxton Rd. Son Charles Smith was baptized at Birkenhead St. John on October 24, 1878. Two years later, Harriet Caroline Smith was baptized at Birkenhead St. John; the record said her father was a "police constable".

During 1880 Charles Francis Smith began to take steps to prove that he was really Francis Forster and that *Charles Francis Smith* was only a pseudonym. In the summer of that year he obtained affidavits from William Druitt (son of his late first cousin Margaret Frances Forster who was Mrs. Henry Druitt) and Grace Brooks (daughter of his first cousin John Forster of Camberwell). (Fn 21)

In the 1881 Birkenhead census for the Parish of St. John, at 41 Mornington St.: Charles Francis Smith, married, 45, Borough Police Constable, born Margate, Kent; wife Sarah Jane Smith, 39,

born Birkenhead; and Smith children born in Birkenhead: Frank, 6, scholar; Ada Lavinia, 4, scholar; Charles, 2; Harriet Caroline, 8 months; and a domestic servant.



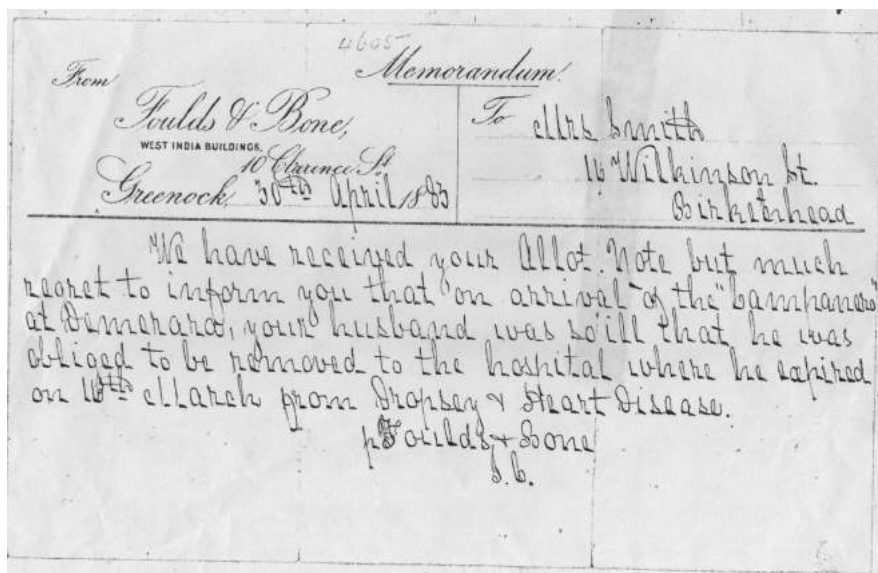
Francis Forster (probably in early 1880s)

Frances and Sarah Jane baptized William Burroughs Forster on August 20, 1882 at Christ Church Cloughton. The family was then at 16 Wilkinson Street, and Francis was a *ship – steward*. The baptism record is the only record where son William's middle name was spelled Burroughs rather than Burrows.

Christmas 1882 - "Carrie does not remember our "dada" as we called him. In fact maybe only Frank and I can really remember him. I think of the last Christmas he made many of our presents himself. He had a bit of special love for your Charles, who got into mischief, little as he was. He made his little Charles a blue sailor jacket out of his own uniform cloth – blue, of course. He dressed a doll for Carrie and made it look like a circus clown. Will was a little baby – not six months old. I had a big doll and Frank a wooden cart, with a horse in front of it. I forgot to say that he sewed a little red heart on the breast of Charles's jacket. Christmas morning he took each one of us into the room with a fireplace. There was a nice coal fire. Each side of the fireplace, I don't know how he arranged them, the presents were hanging. He carried Carrie into the room. Then he presented each one their present. Of course Charles had a toy as well as his sailor jacket. I also remember him sitting by the fire that afternoon, holding Carrie on his lap. He cried, and I had never seen him cry, and wished he did not have to sail away in January. On the 15th of March, 1883, he died in British Guiana – Georgetown. I feel he was ill that day and didn't say." (Fn 22)]

Francis Forster's last voyage was from Liverpool to Demerara (on the north coast of South America), where he was moved from the ship to a hospital in Georgetown because he was very ill. He died there on March 16, 1883. At that time Demerara was a county of British Guiana, a colony of Great Britain. It is now part of the country of Guyana.

Sarah Jane Forster received the following notice about her husband's death:



FOULDS & Bone, general and provision merchants, ship and produce brokers, fire, life, and marine insurance agents, coopers, and shipowners, 8, 9, and 10 Clarence st

Greenock, Scotland P.O. directory, 1879-80.



Francis Forster did not leave a Last Will and Testament.

In the 1891 census for Birkenhead, at 25 Bentinck Street: Sarah J. Forster, 45, widow, seamstress; Francis, son, 15, office boy; Charles, 12, scholar; Harriet C., 10, scholar; and William, 8, scholar. Ada was working as a servant at the home of Robert M. James, a bookkeeper with a wife and son, at 29 Brattan St.; Ada was 14.

In 1893 son Charles Hancock Forster emigrated to America on S.S. *Lake Huron*. He debarked in Montreal, Canada, and by August 30, 1894 was living in Battle Creek, Michigan. (Fn 23)

In the 1901 census for Birkenhead, at 25 Bentinck Place: Sarah Jane Forster, widow, 55; Francis Forster, son, 25, iron foundry clerk; and William B. Forster, son, 18, railway clerk. Ada L. Foster (*sic*), 24, was a domestic housemaid at the Birkenhead house (3, Cearns Rd.) of coal and cement merchant William Barker. Harriet C., 20, was a domestic nurse at the Birkenhead house (49, Bidston Road) of wholesale grocer Thomas Williams.

Ada Forster, milliner, 28, embarked as a second class passenger on the S.S. *Republic* at Liverpool on June 23, 1905, bound for Boston, Massachusetts. She became a Christian Church minister and was ordained by the Church of Christ in Garden City, Minnesota on September 24, 1907. In September 1908 she lived in Fairmount, Minnesota. (Fn 24)

On October 24, 1906 Frank Forster, 30, minister, married, embarked as a second class passenger on the S.S. *Merion* at Liverpool, bound for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His wife sailed the following May, bound for New York and then Garden City, Minnesota. (Fn 25)

Sarah Jane Forster, 64, widow, with son William and daughter Harriet C., embarked as second class passengers on the S.S. *Arabic* at Liverpool on September 10, 1910, bound for New York City. manifest.] The September 18 arrival manifest prepared in New York reported Sarah's last residence as 57a, Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead and showed her final destination as the home of Rev. A. L. Forster, 2nd Street, Fairmount, Minnesota. She was described as in good health, 5'2", fair complexion, gray hair, gray eyes. [Note: 57a, Woodchurch Road was the residence of Sarah's brother Samuel Hancock.] (Fn 26)

Sarah Jane filed an Alien Registration report with the State of Minnesota in early 1918. In it she stated that she came from England and arrived in New York on September 18, 1910. She gave her birth date as January 25, 1846 and her address as 2822 3rd Ave. S. in Minneapolis. She stated that she was too old to be interested in naturalization. She reported that her brother's son, Percy Hancock, of the British Army, had died in the Battle of the Somme.

In the 1920 U.S. census, Sarah, 73, was residing in a duplex at 3132 Stevens Avenue in Minneapolis with her daughters Ada and Harriet Caroline and her son Frank and his wife Lillie.

On October 17, 1922 Sarah Jane Forster died at 1018 N. 7th Street in Winona, Minnesota, the residence of her daughter Harriet Caroline. Harriet was the informant. She reported her mother's birth date as January 25, 1846 and her age at death as 76 years, 8 months and 22 days. She died of cerebral apoplexy. The burial was in Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis. Sarah's obituary reported the survivors as son Frank of Bloomington, Wisconsin, son Charles of Washington, D.C., son William B. and daughter Ada of Minneapolis, and daughter Caroline of Winona.



The Hancock Family of the Wirral Peninsula

Samuel and Sarah (Bedson) Hancock from Neston Parish were the grandparents of Sarah Jane (Hancock) Forster. Neston Parish is on the Wirral Peninsula in Cheshire near the River Dee, which is the boundary between Cheshire and Flintshire in Wales. On January 23, 1780 Samuel was baptized in Neston Parish by parents Richard and Mary Hancock of Little Neston. He had seven siblings. Sarah Bedson was baptized in Neston Parish on March 23, 1783 by Thomas and Margaret (Jackson) Bedson. (Fn 27)

Samuel Hancock was the keeper of the Royal Oak public house in Little Neston. His wife carried on this business for a time after Samuel's death in 1826 (burial on March 31, age 46). (Fn 28).

In the 1841 census for Willaston Township of Neston Township, *Sarah Ancock*, age 60, resided with her daughter Mary and her husband Thomas Price, a wheelwright, and the Price children. Sarah or *Sally*, age 68, was still with the Price family in Willaston according to the 1851 census. [Note: Mary and Thomas had married at Liverpool St. Nicholas on August 8, 1830.]

Sarah (Bedson) Hancock died in 1859. (Fn 29)

According to the 1881 census for Willaston Township, widow Mary Price lived on Ash Tree Farm (on Hadlow Road) and farmed 94 acres with the aid of two employees. Her husband Thomas had died in 1880 at age 72. Mary died in 1889 at age 82.

Ada Forster mentioned in a 1939 letter to Mildred (Forster) Archerd that Ash Tree farm was a place she loved to visit as a girl, and she had placed it on her 1939 England trip itinerary.

Samuel and Sarah (Bedson) Hancock baptized son Richard in Neston Parish on October 30, 1803. (Fn 30) On July 15, 1844 he married Lavinia Robinson Fitzhugh in a civil ceremony in Liverpool. Richard was a tailor. He lived until January 13, 1873 in Birkenhead and was buried

at Flaybrick Cemetery near Bidston Hill. After Richard's death Lavinia lived with her son Samuel Hancock and his family. Lavinia, who was born in Bolton, Lancashire, was buried in Flaybrick Cemetery in 1902. In 1939 Ada Forster visited the cemetery and made an entry in her diary: *Granny, June 30, 1902, age 85, at rest.* (Fn 31)



Sarah Jane's brother Samuel Hancock, architect of Birkenhead, made his Will on June 26, 1908. He established a trust for his wife and his five children (Harry Bentley, Lavinia Hanna (Cope), Samuel, Percy and Margaret Esther), and he left his real estate and the residue of his estate and his personal property to his wife. His gold watch and gold chain were left to Harry Bentley and his architect and surveyor instruments went to Samuel. The Will was probated on July 22, 1910. Samuel was buried in Flaybrick Cemetery.

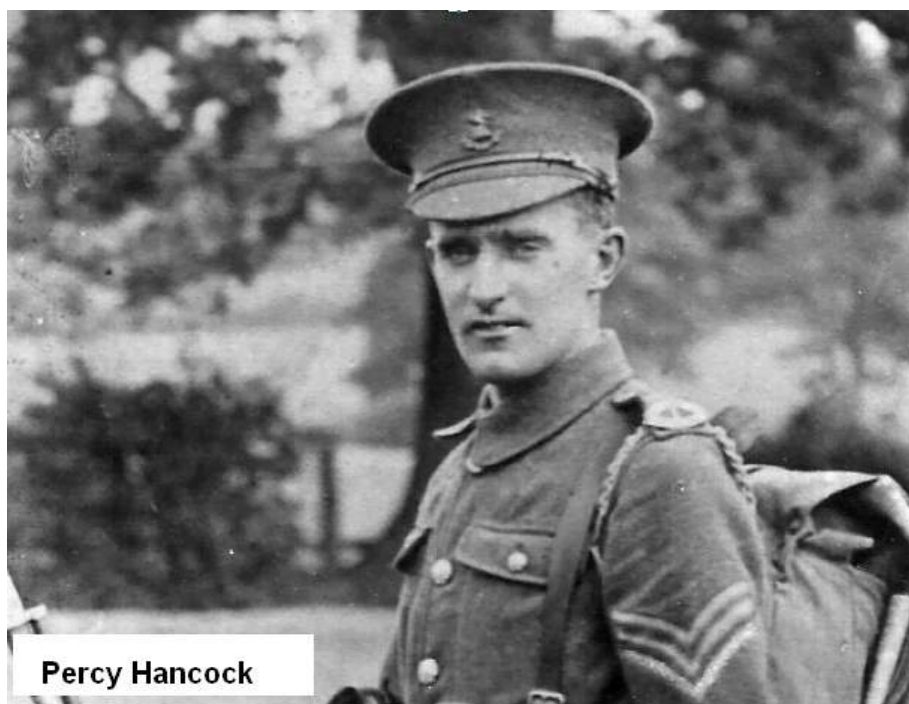
In the 1911 census for 57a Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead (7 room house): Margaret Hancock, 60, [Samuel's] widow, born Horwich, Lancashire; Harry Bentley Hancock, 37, single, raw cotton salesman for Cotton Broker, born Birkenhead; Samuel Hancock, 28, single, assistant land valuer for government, born Birkenhead; Percy Hancock, 26, single, insurance clerk at insurance company, born Birkenhead; Margaret Esther Hancock, 17, single, born Birkenhead; and Frederick Bentley Cope, grandson, 3, born Heswall, Cheshire.

Harry Bentley Hancock (1874-1923) did not marry. "The death of Harry Bentley Hancock, although not altogether unexpected by his more intimate friends, came as a shock all the same. "Bant" Hancock in his day was a great cricketer, first with Birkenhead Victoria, and in later years for the Oxton club. He made 200 in a match and equalled the feats of Cecil Holden, Gilbert Vosper and R. A. Lloyd. His best innings was 170 against Liverpool. He was Oxton's captain for some years. In Association football he was attached to the old Melrose club, Father Allen's brigade which included F. A. Jones, the old Park wicket-keeper who in later years became Edward Allen's son-in-law. Contemporary with Harry Hancock and Fred Jones were H. Hindley and F. Cope, probably two of the finest amateurs of their day. Had Hancock, Jones, Hindley and Cope been in the South they would have walked into the Corinthiana team. Harry Hancock, whom I knew as a boy, once toured in Devon and during eight days' cricket made 500 runs. On the football field he played inside right and the only nasty accident he sustained was a broken arm when playing against Everton in Dave Storrer's days. Harry could play billiards too. On one occasion many years ago he was playing in a Conservative club league match. Hancock's opponent was 99 – 46, thus requiring one for game. His opponent started "pulling Harry's leg," and at the height of the amusement, miscued. Hancock thereupon seized the opportunity and "ran out" winning 100 – 99. His opponent, one of our best local billiard players of that time, slipped out by the side door, and learned the result of the match next day. Yes, Harry Hancock was an all-round sportsman. He was witty to the point of humour. He was gentle, too. A lover of all games, his amateurism was typical of his class. He was forty-eight years of age. To his mother and family generally much sympathy has been expressed. The funeral took place yesterday at Flaybrick Hill Cemetery, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. S.M. Wickham, B.A., of St. Anne's Church. The chief mourners were Messrs. S. Hancock (brother) and F. J. Cope (brother-in-law). Among the general mourners were C. E. Newall and W. Myers (representing Prenton Golf Club), Messrs. H. L. Okell, C. Wass, J.P., J. Harland (representing Tixall Bowling Club), Messrs. J. Brown, W. L. Baty, W. Rutter, Val Jackson (Bidston Lodge 3657), J. J. Fletcher, L. Court, R. F. James, E. Brocklebank, J. Almond, H. M. Bushby (Bushby Sons & Beazley), H. Gill, G.H. Court, Hy. Matthews (3491 Lodge), Gordon's (Lodge 4061), Captain Hugh Hughes, J. F. Marsh, J. Brocklebank, J. C. Butterworth, D. M. Hebblethwaite (Oxton Cricket Club) and R. F. Fraser. Many floral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Edward Jones & Co, 84, Conway street, Birkenhead, under the personal supervision of Mr. Jones." (Fn 32)

Lavinia Hannah (Hancock) Cope (1879-?) was the wife of Frederick John Cope, the cricket player mentioned in her brother Harry's obituary. In the 1911 census for Latrigg, Thurstaston Road, Heswall, Cheshire (7 room house): Frederick John Cope, 39, commercial clerk (cotton), born Birkenhead; wife Lavinia Hannah, 31, married 10 years, born Birkenhead; and three daughters born in Lancashire: Brenda, 10; Phyllis Margaret, 8; and Lillian, 6. Son Frederick, 3, was lined out (he was with his grandmother).

Percy Hancock (1885-1916) died on July 30, 1916 in the Battle of the Somme in the "Great War". The book "Liverpool Pals" (history of the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Battalions of the

King's Liverpool Regiment), by Graham Maddocks, stated that Percy volunteered in August 1914 when the 17th Battalion was first formed and was first a Corporal. The Battalion embarked for France on November 7, 1915. Percy's entry in the book was "30 July 1916 - #15829 P. Hancock (enlisted at Birkenhead), Sergeant in the 17th battalion. Killed in action. Thiepval Memorial." The Commonwealth War Graves Commission website entry is "Serjeant Percy Hancock, 15829, 17th Bn, The King's Liverpool Regiment. Killed on Sunday, 30 July 1916, aged 31. Son of Mrs. Margaret Hancock of Halcyon Main Road, Irby, Cheshire." His name was inscribed on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France, Pier and Face 1 D 8 B f8C, on the D73 off the main Bapaume to Albert road (D929). Alun Hughes, who in December 2014 was compiling a history of the "Old Boys" of Birkenhead Institute, of whom Percy Hancock was one, shared information he had on Percy's time with the Union Marine Insurance Company, including his application, and also the death notice from the August 23, 1916 *The Liverpool Echo*: "Hancock- July 30, killed in action, aged 31 years, Sergeant P. (Percy) Hancock, King's (Liverpool Regt), youngest son of the late Samuel Hancock and Mrs. Hancock, 57a, Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead and the dearly-loved fiance of Gladys M. Kettle."



Footnotes:

1. The 1851 census for widow Eliza Forster reported that Francis Forster, age 15, had been born in Margate. His baptism was reported in the parish register of St. Peter-in-Thamet, Kent (FindMyPast), and in a certified copy of the record dated July 9, 1880.

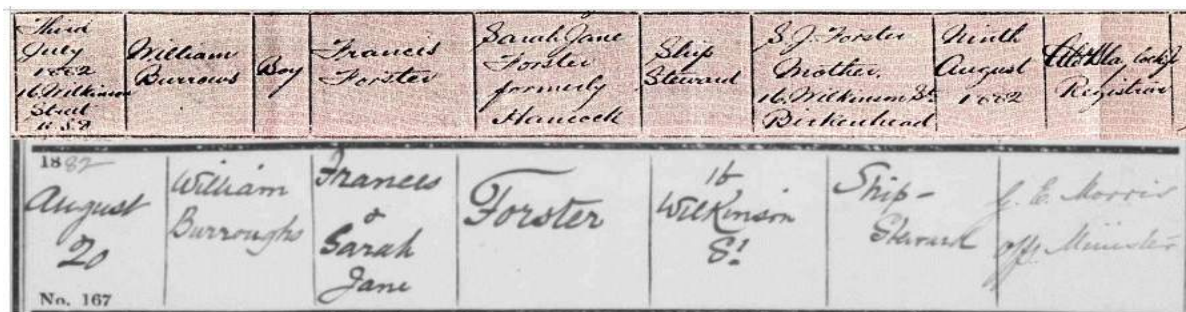
2. Harriet Caroline Forster wrote a letter on April 29, 1837 from Birchington on the Isle of Thanet; Charles Francis Forster wrote a letter dated July 28, 1838 from 15, Walbrook-place (City of London). The 1840 marriage record for Susannah Forster showed her residence as Mile End Road. The 1840 death certificate for Harriet Caroline Forster gave her death location as 17, Camomile Street. The 1841 marriage certificate for Francis Forster and Sarah Redwood gave his address as 77, Bishopsgate. The 1844 marriage certificate of Francis Forster and Eliza Terry gave his address as Devonshire-street, and the 1846 London Post Office Directory also listed Devonshire-street.
3. Autobiography written in 1880 by Francis Forster (1835-1883), copy included in Appendix.
4. Ada Forster, one of Francis Forster's children made a typed list of places to visit and things to do, apparently created in 1939 just prior to a trip to England. It referred to the Christ's Hospital School. The Guildhall Library advised in 2002 that MS 12818/15-16 (students at Christ's Hospital school) did not include Francis' name.
5. Death cert. for Charles Francis Forster (March 19, 1851), obtained 1991; 1851 census at HO 107/1532/11.
6. 1880 autobiography, Fn 3.
7. *Men of Mark twixt Tyne and Tweed*, by R. Welford, pp. 406-410, Vol. III; London, Walter Scott, Ltd., 1895.]
8. P&O Steam Navigation Company, at website *poheritage.com*.
9. 1880 autobiography, Fn 3.
10. 1880 autobiography, Fn 3.
11. *Domus Dei of Portsmouth*, by H.P. Wright, p. 75; London, James Parker & Co., 1873).
12. 1880 autobiography, Fn 3.
13. 1880 autobiography, Fn 3.
14. War Office file # WO97-1574-106, copy in Appendix.
15. 1880 autobiography, Fn 3; and "Worldwide Army Index" for 1861 on FindMyPast - file on Charles Smith, #188, Corporal, 2nd Btn 60th Foot (Kings Royal Rifle Corps), stationed in China, ref. WO12/6982. [The Second Opium War of 1856-1860 was fought between the British and French Empires and the Qing Dynasty of China over the right of the two empires to export increased amounts of opium into China. In 1860 British and French troops landed near Beijing and fought their way into the city. They destroyed the Imperial Summer Palace. The Qing Dynasty was forced to cede a large amount of territory to Russia and to cede the Kowloon Peninsula to Great Britain (Source: Wikipedia).]
16. *A Regimental Chronicle of the 60th, or the King's Royal Rifle Corps*, pp. 27, 28, by Nesbit W. Wallace; London, Harrison; 1879.]
17. War Office file, Fn 14.
18. 1880 autobiography, Fn 3.
19. War Office file, Fn 14.
20. 1880 autobiography, Fn 3.
21. The affidavits are included in the Appendix, with the 1880 autobiography.

22. Letter of October 21, 1965 from Ada Forster to Gladys Forster.
23. Aug. 6, 1907 Declaration of Intention to become a naturalized citizen of the United States, filed in the District Court of Morris County, Minnesota.
24. Outbound passenger list of ship *Republic* dated June 23, 1905 at Liverpool; Ministerial Certificate from Garden City Church; and post card of Sept. 9, 1908 from Ada in Fairmont to her mother at 8 Harcourt Street in Birkenhead.
25. Outbound passenger list of ship *Merion* dated October 24, 1906 at Liverpool; Frank's wife sailed from Liverpool on May 21, 1907, bound for New York, according to the Liverpool passenger list of the ship *Carmia*. She listed her destination as Garden City, Minnesota.
26. Outbound passenger list of ship *Arabic* dated September 10, 1910 at Liverpool. The three Forsters were bound for New York, with a final destination of Fairmount, Minnesota.
27. Image of parish register covering 1780 for Neston Parish, Cheshire on film #4011922 of familysearch.org.
28. Pigot's Directory for 1828-9 for "Neston, Great & Little, Parkgate, & Willaston," p. 46 (under "Inns, Taverns & Public Houses").
29. Death registration for Sally Hancock, 2nd qtr 1859, Wirral R.D. 8a, 253.
30. Image of parish register covering 1803 for Neston Parish, Cheshire on film #4018990 of familysearch.org.
31. The Flaybrick Cemetery burial register listed the Hancock plot as "Private Grave Section 8 Plot 282 (containing Lavinia; son Samuel in 1910, age 61, architect; Harry Bentley Hancock, 1923, cotton salesman; and Margaret Hancock, 1933, age 80, widow).
32. *Birkenhead News*, August 11, 1923, page 8.



From left: Emily, William B. and Mildred

6. William Burroughs (Burrows) Forster (1882-1926)



William Forster was born on July 3, 1882 at 16, Wilkinson Street in Birkenhead, Cheshire. The registrar wrote William's middle name as Burrows. His father was listed as a "ship steward." In his baptism record of August 20 at Christ Church Claughton in Birkenhead the minister wrote the middle name as Burroughs.

William began working at age 16 as a clerk at *Shakespeare Badger & Badger*, Solicitors, 42, Castle Street, Liverpool. On April 29, 1899, the firm gave him a strong recommendation, addressed to Mr. Eric Barker, Locomotive Superintendent's Office, Docks Station, Birkenhead (of the Wirral Railway Co.), indicating that Forster was considered "good at figures", "extremely willing and trustworthy", a "fair short-hand writer", a "very steady youth", and "merely leaves to better himself".

In the 1901 census William's occupation was "railway clerk" and he was aged 18 and living at home with his mother and a brother at 25, Bentinck Street, Birkenhead.

William toured in France in June 1907 and in Flanders, Rotterdam and various cities in Germany in June 1909. (Fn 1)

During 1910 William and his sister Carrie and their mother Sarah Jane, who was a widow and whose close brother Samuel Hancock had died on May 5 of that year, decided it was time to emigrate to the United States. Siblings Frank, Ada and Charles had already established themselves in the U.S.A. as Christian Church ministers.

"Alvanley C. C. [Cricket Club]; Goodbye to W. B. Forster. On Friday last the members of the above team met at the Church of Christ, Alvanley place, to say goodbye to their late secretary and wish him well in his new sphere of labour. Pastor G. R. Quiggin presided, and the captain of the team on their behalf presented Mr. Forster with a handsome enlarged frame portrait of the members. He expressed the club's indebtedness to their late secretary for the capable and energetic manner in which he had performed his duties, and assured him that he took with him the best wishes of his old club-mates for his future welfare [and] Mr. Forster expressed his thanks for the picture [and] he regretted having to part from so many good friends. The boys

again met on the stage to give him a final send-off ... the club, of which Mr. Forster has been the secretary for a number of seasons, is enrolled in the local Free Church League, and this year occupy third place." (Fn 2)



Wirral Railway Testimonial to Mr. W B Forster: We regret to learn that, within the next few days, the above named gentleman will terminate his service with the company to take up a position in some other part of the earth's surface. As locomotive men our connections with him have been very numerous but no matter in what direction we needed help or guidance we have always found him only too ready to render it and that with the utmost promptitude, civility and courtesy, and always in the same temperament. These are qualities not possessed by every man who may take up "his" position and this will make his loss to us all the more regrettable. His candid and upright dealings with us have not perhaps hitherto received the recognition they deserve, but now that we are about to part company it is proposed by this testimonial to show our appreciation in some kind of tangible form. No matter where or amongst whom he may choose to settle let us hope that he will meet with the highest degree of success. (Fn 3)

On September 10, 1910 William, Harriet and Sarah Jane Forster departed from Liverpool on the steamship *Arabic*. The ship arrived in New York on September 18. The immigration manifest prepared in New York described William as 28, single, clerk, destination Fairmont,

Minnesota; and 5'8", dark complexion, black hair, brown eyes. Emily Cartwright saw Will off at the landing stage in Liverpool, and he wrote her a long love letter during the voyage, and mailed it from New York. A friend met the three Forster's at the dock in New York and took them to Grand Central Station where they ate dinner and boarded a train for Chicago at midnight. At Chicago they switched to the Chicago Northwestern Road and went to Rochester, Minnesota, where they were met by Ada Forster. She drove them by horse and buggy to Frank Forster's farm near Pleasant Grove. (Fn 4)



After a few days, William went to St. Paul to look for work. Ada had arranged for him to board with Mr. A. L. Winship and his sister in the *suburbs* at 344 Dayton Avenue (now part of the center of St. Paul and a city park has replaced the Dayton Avenue house). Will quickly found an auditing position with the Northern Pacific Railway.

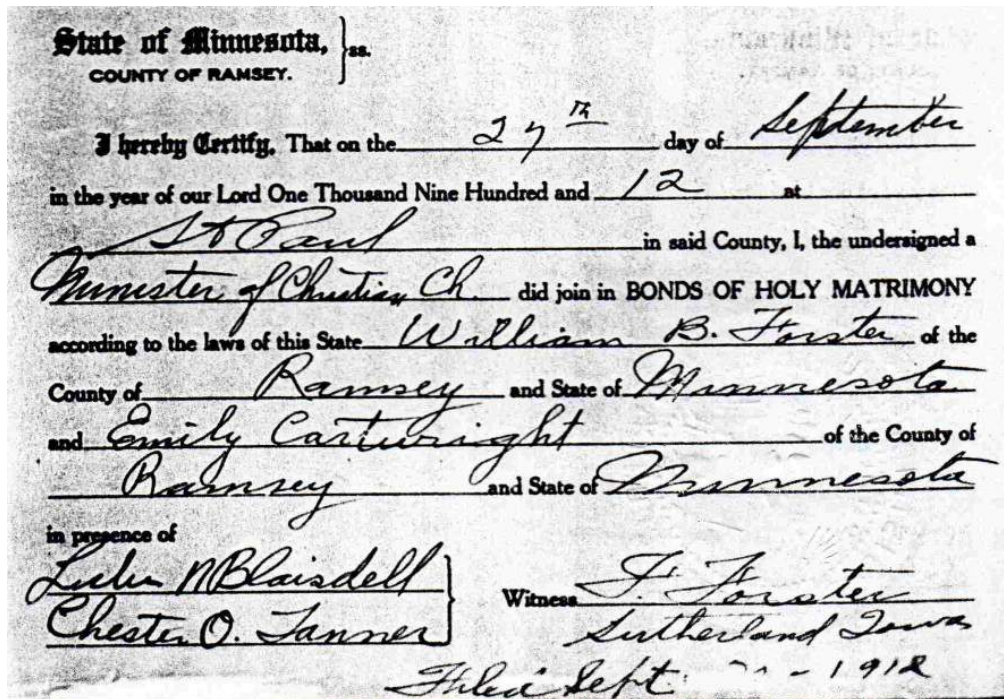
In October 1910 William Forster and Emily Cartwright (of Birkenhead) became engaged to be married. (Fn 5)

In November of 1910, Will changed jobs and joined Schubach Millinery Company at 4th & Jackson (now 207 E. Fourth) in downtown St. Paul. He supervised the commercial office.

The 1911 St. Paul City Directory listed William Forster as vice president of Schubach Millinery Co. and gave his residence as 209 Aurora Avenue. Previously Will had moved from the Winship's to 303 Nelson Ave. in February 1911 and then to 209 Aurora in April 1911. In August 1911 he moved to 305 S. Exchange (the Montana Building).

On September 14, 1912 Emily Cartwright sailed from Liverpool on the steamship *Campania* and reached New York City on September 22. She was described on the arrival manifest as 27, shop assistant, closest relative John G. Cartwright of 1 Alvanley Place in Birkenhead, final destination St. Paul to meet friend William Forster of 305 S. Exchange St. (above this was written Rev. David Hughes, 156 Fifth St., New York); 5'3", fresh complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes.

Rev. Hughes met Emily and took her to Hastings-on-Hudson to stay with his family. Emily wrote to Will from that address. It appears she stayed several days and then went by train to St. Paul where she married Will on September 27, 1912. [Note: Anne Hughes, David's sister, married Emily's brother Harry; David was probably the friend who had met Will, Carrie and Sarah Jane Forster in 1910.]



The marriage was performed by Will's older brother Frank.

Emily Cartwright was born on February 18, 1885 in Birkenhead, one of ten daughters and two sons of John George and Mary Ann (Fletcher) Cartwright. John George was a marine engineer (steam boiler expert). The Cartwrights lived in the Claughton-cum-Grange area of Birkenhead. Emily's mother died in 1899, and in 1901 Emily lived with her aunt Emily Jones.

Daughter Mildred was born to Will and Emily on October 14, 1913 at Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.



From 1913 through 1920 Minneapolis city directories listed "Wm. B. Forster" as an employee (variously "cashier" or "accountant") of L. E. Doudiet & Co., a foodstuffs importer located in

the downtown area (first the Commercial Building and later the Plymouth Building). In 1913 and 1914 the Forster's resided at 3103 Stevens Ave. S. (demolished in the 1960's by freeway construction); at 3113 Stevens Ave. S. in 1915 (also lost to the freeway); and at 716 W. 40th Street in 1919 and 1920.



Will and Emily both filed Alien Registration Reports with the State of Minnesota on February 25, 1918.

Will was exempted from military service in England “for the duration of the war” according to an October 10, 1918 Certificate from the British Embassy in Washington, D.C.



Daughter Nora May was born in Minneapolis on February 5, 1919: she died of tuberculosis on October 1, 1920.

By December 1920, William Forster resided in a sanitarium at Glen Lake (west of Minneapolis near Hopkins, Minnesota). From the sanitarium he wrote several very touching letters to Emily trying to deal with the loss of Nora (and the unspoken fact that Nora likely picked up tuberculosis from Will). Will was not able to be home for Christmas that year, but wrote a beautiful letter to Emily and Mildred.

The 1921 city directory reported the Forster's at a new residence, 3417 31st Ave.

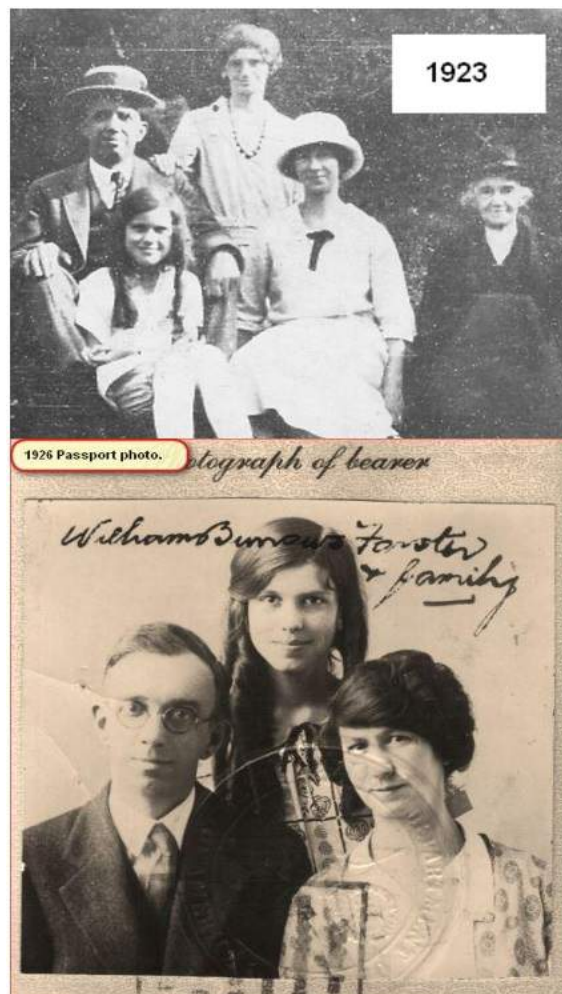


In March 1921 Will wrote a long letter to his minister, Rev. Brokaw (of a Christian Church near Lake Harriet, in Minneapolis) and indicated that he had had a nose operation and that he had fallen ill but thought he could go home in a month; he wrote that "love makes our heaven. And my heaven would be to be with those I love, to take the hand of the babe I loved, and walk round the block with her."

Bank drafts dated February 11 and May 12, 1921 of The Midland National Bank, Minneapolis, directed Deutsche Bank, Berlin, Germany to pay 10,000 Marks to Wm. B. Forster. [Note: The investment in Marks probably cost Will about \$300-350, but the value was subsequently wiped out by hyperinflation in the German "Weimar Republic" beginning in the middle of 1921. For the next year prices increased six-fold and in the year after that by 18,000%. The investment became worthless.]

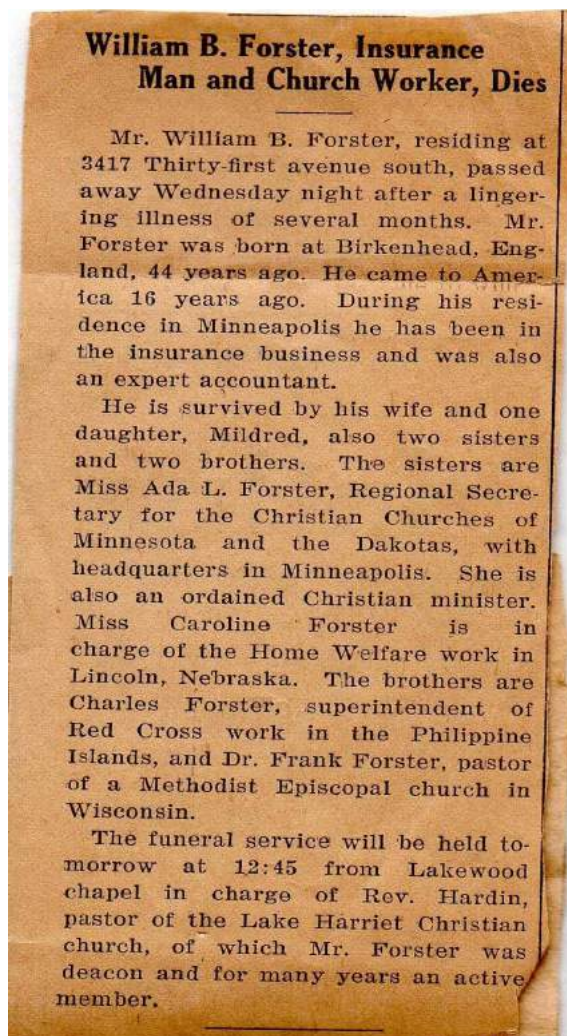
On December 21, 1922 William Forster became a naturalized U. S. citizen. The Certificate of Naturalization described him as age 40, 5' 8-1/2" tall, white with dark complexion, brown eyes, brown hair, no visible distinguishing marks, minor child Mildred E. age 9, residence in Minneapolis, at 3417 31st Ave. S. On August 16, 1923 Emily became a naturalized U. S. citizen. The Certificate of Naturalization described her as age 38, 5'4" tall, white with medium complexion, brown eyes, dark hair, no visible distinguishing marks, residence in Minneapolis, at 3417 31st Ave. S.

From 1922 through 1926 the Minneapolis city directories continued to list the Forster's at 3417 31st Ave. S. but Will's occupations changed from salesman to bookkeeper for Seaman Paper Co and then to special agent for Fidelity & Casualty Co. of N. Y. [Note: An insurance ledger book of that company included entries from 1924-1946, showing that Will started an insurance agency and Emily continued, at least with renewal business.



Emily and Mildred traveled to England and Wales to visit Cartwright relatives during the summer of 1926. They sailed from Montreal on the steamship *Aurania*. The passport, which included a May 11, 1926 Visa for the United Kingdom, was for the entire family but apparently Will was not well enough to make the trip. The passport was stamped by an immigration officer in Liverpool on June 13, 1926. Emily and Mildred returned to Minneapolis in September 1926.

William B. Forster died on November 3, 1926 of pulmonary tuberculosis at his home at 3417 31st Ave. S. He was 44 years and 4 months old and had been ill for 5 or 6 yrs. Emily, the informant, listed Will's occupation as self-employed *insurance and accountant*. J. A. Moyers was the certifying doctor. Will was buried on November 6 in the family plot at Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis.



“My dear niece, We all heard the news of the passing of your very dear husband [& our nephew] with very deep regret & sorrow, and beg to assure you of our sincere sympathy with you and dear Mildred, as well as Will's relations in your great loss. Your Aunt Phoebe & I have both read your letter at your father's house. It was a wonderful letter, so calm and resigned, and yet as strong with no trace of the pain & sorrow you must have felt in the writing of it. One could read between the lines how you had known for long that this loss was coming, and you had bravely borne the fear and anxiety as a true Christian should try to do. “We rejoice that your faith and trust in the providence of our loving Father is so strong, and that, as your letter clearly shews, you will henceforth live in the firm belief of a joyful reunion with Will whom you loved so well. What a brave and patient soul he was! And what a great fight he made through years of delicate health, and increasing weakness! We were so glad to have you home again. We may never see you again, but the memory of your visits will remain with us still, as something to be tenderly cherished through the years. We love you the more for it. We are also very glad that your prospects over there are better than they could be here. You have two very good friends in Will's sisters, and you will have much better prospects of making your way. We hope & pray that God will prosper you in all your endeavours. Enid & Harry are still with us, and expect to get into their new house before Christmas. This month has been wet & foggy, very trying, but we are all well, thank God. Miss Hutchinson sends her love to you both, indeed, we all do, and are praying that God will sustain you day by day in your trouble, and bless you and Mildred in all that you do. With much love. Your affectionate, Uncle Mark and Auntie Phoebe.” (Fn 6)

Mr. Schubach, William Forster's early employer in St. Paul, wrote to Emily Forster concerning Will's death, and again in 1939 with respect to her daughter Mildred's engagement.

Will was a deeply religious, philosophical and poetic man. (Fn 7)

One of Will's poems, submitted for publication, was rejected by a man named A. J. Russell of the "Journal": "I threw your poem on the top of the desk with the big pile of poems, a little embarrassed to know what to do, for it was too good to throw away and it was not quite suited to what the 'authorities' on this paper wish. On the whole, I think that I must return it. While doing so, let me express the hope that it was not written out of a sad experience. If so it is too sad to talk about, but be sure some of us sympathize and understand." [Note: This may be Will's poem *To Memory*.]

Will “was quite a funny chap [and] he was always coming out with typically English sayings, if anyone was acting blue he would say, with a grin, What dog bit you. He always called Mildred 'Honey' and when she was small 'My little flower.’” (Fn 8)

The 1927 Minneapolis city directory, which noted William Forster's death, listed Emily at 3417 31st Ave. S., but the next three years she and Mildred were at 1010 W. 33rd St. In the

1930 census for Minneapolis, they resided on W. 33rd St.: Emily C. Forster, 46, widow, millinery, department store; and daughter Mildred, 16.

Emily was employed at Dayton Department Store in downtown Minneapolis. She and Mildred resided at 2555 Bryant Ave. S. from 1933 until 1935, and from 1936 until 1939 at 3440 Colfax Ave. S., Apt. 7. (Fn 9)

In the 1940 city directory, Emily was listed at 4252 28th Ave. S., Apt. 4, the address of her sister-in-law Ada Forster. In 1942, Emily lived at 2110 Bryant Ave. S., where she remained until her death in 1945. To the end, the directories showed Emily employed at Dayton's in the millinery department.



Emily Forster died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage on August 10, 1945 at age 60 years, 5 months and 22 days. Her death notice read: "Forster, Emily C., Fri. morn., of 2110 Bryant Ave. S. Survived by her daughter, Mrs. Havard W. Archerd, & grandson, William, of Chicago; 2 brothers & 5 sisters, all in England. Funeral services will be held at Lakewood chapel Mon. afternoon at 3 o'clock." She was buried in the Forster plot in Lakewood Cemetery. (Fn 10)

On August 23, 1945, Nora Cartwright (one of Emily's sisters) told Mildred that Emily had written that she was going to leave her job at Dayton's and go and live with her daughter and family in Chicago. The same letter said that "she worshiped Billy", and that she wanted to be buried in the dress she wore to Mildred's wedding in 1939 with the link of pearls that Mildred and Havard had given her. A premonition?

In 1945, Mildred Archerd received a notice from Continental Bank in Chicago, acting as correspondent bank for a Los Angeles bank that was administering the Lewis Doudiet estate,

Footnotes:

- Lot 195 Section 31 Area 189 Ft. Front E. Owner *Emily L. Forster*
Mildred A. Ascherd, heir
1237 W. Greenleaf Ave.
Chicago - Ill.
H. H. Arthur
2044 Woodland Ave.
April 13, 1900
- offer \$65.00*
29.00
3/24/66
- 6
CEMENT
7'6"
- 5
4'6"
- 4
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- 32' x 18'
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- 2
4'6"
- 1
1'6"
- 31'
- | Interment Number | Crown | NAME | Age | Date of Death | | | |
|------------------|-------|--------------------|-----|---------------|-----|------|--|
| | | | | Month | Day | Year | |
| ✓ 345501 | | Larab Forster | 76 | Oct | 18 | 1922 | |
| 646783 | | William B. Forster | 44 | Nov | 31 | 1926 | |
| ✓ 315164 | | Emily L. Forster | 60 | Aug | 10 | 1945 | |
| 991075 | | Norma May Forster | — | — | — | 1926 | |
| 610556 | | ADA L. FORSTER | 89 | MAY | 16 | 1966 | |
| | | HARRIET C. FORSTER | 86 | MAY | 28 | 1967 | |
- ✓ Fr Pg 85-34-11/19/26
X Fr Pg 79-103-11/19/26
- Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN

7. Mildred (Forster) Archerd (1913-1992)

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH					
PLACE OF BIRTH COUNTY OF HENNEPIN CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS		City of Minneapolis Department of Health—Division of Vital Statistics		Register No. <u>179</u> <u>276</u>	
WARD <u>7</u>	PLACE OF BIRTH <u>Northwestern Hospital</u> (If birth occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its name, otherwise Street and Number.)				
STATE OF MINNESOTA					
FULL NAME OF CHILD <u>Mildred Forster</u>					
Sex of Child <u>Female</u>	Twin, Triplet or other? <u>No</u>	Number in order of birth <u>1</u>	Legitimate? <u>Yes</u>	Date of birth <u>Oct. 14, 1913</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
FATHER (Forster)			MOTHER		
FULL NAME <u>Wm Burrows Foster</u>			FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Emily Eastwright</u>		
RESIDENCE <u>3103 Stevens Ave</u>			RESIDENCE <u>3103 Stevens Ave</u>		
COLOR <u>White</u>	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>31</u> (Years)		COLOR <u>White</u>	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>28</u> (Years)	
BIRTHPLACE <u>Birkenhead England</u>			BIRTHPLACE <u>Birkenhead England</u>		
OCCUPATION <u>Bookkeeper</u>			OCCUPATION <u>Housewife</u>		
Number of children born to this mother, including present birth. <u>1</u>			Number of children of this mother now living <u>1</u>		

No. 1758341		THE MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE	
Description of holder: Age <u>46</u> years, height <u>5 feet 8 1/2 inches</u> ; color <u>White</u> ; complexion <u>Dark</u> ; color of eyes <u>Brown</u> ; color of hair <u>Brown</u> ; visible distinguishing marks <u>None</u>			
Name, age and place of residence of wife <u>Emily Eastwright</u>			
Name, age and place of residence of minor children <u>Michael E. age 4 years, resides in Minneapolis, Minn.</u>			
ORIGINAL			
State of Minnesota County of Hennepin		ss. <u>William Burrows Foster</u> (Signature of holder)	

Mildred had a middle name, according to her father's 1922 naturalization record: "E" for Emily, her mother's given name.

"Mildred Forster, who (in about 1925) won the third prize in the Christmas Seal puzzle contest, called at the offices of the Hennepin County Tuberculosis association Monday, by invitation, and got her skating outfit, which included a white sweater and tam, and skating shoes with skates attached." The Minneapolis news report explained that Mildred was inspired to enter because her pastor at the Lake Harriet Disciples church, Rev. David H. Shields, referred to the contest in his "Tuberculosis Sunday" talk to the Sunday school classes.

On April 4, 1926 Mildred was baptized at the Lake Harriet Christian Church, by pastor Rob Roy Hardin.

Mildred and her mother spent the summer of 1926 in Birkenhead, England, sailing out of Montreal. Her father stayed in Minneapolis, as he was suffering from tuberculosis, and he died in November 1926.

Mildred went to the Longfellow School in Minneapolis [through 8th grade] and graduated in 1927. She played the piano in several recitals. She went on to West High School in Minneapolis and was recognized as an outstanding student; she was also very active in extracurricular events, according to the school yearbook. She graduated in 1932. She had brown eyes and auburn hair, and was 5' 4" tall.



1932, Mildred Forster

She attended Hamline University, in St. Paul, on a scholarship granted her by the Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church. She lived at home and took the streetcar to school. In 1936 Mildred graduated with a degree in Sociology. She was active in Philo Browning Sorority, wrote a column for the college newspaper, the Oracle, and was very involved with the life of the school and her studies. She was invited to join Torch & Cycle, an honorary society for school leaders.

Mildred was active in the Girl Guides program of the YMCA in Minneapolis, and upon graduation from Hamline she applied for Girl Guide leadership positions, including several around the county [e.g., Pueblo, Colorado; Hartford, Connecticut; and Hamilton County, Ohio]. She accepted a position in Minneapolis, however [probably because her mother was

there] and continued in this work until the end of 1939. She often spoke of her experiences at the Lyman Lodge YWCA camp on Lake Minnetonka (west of Minneapolis).

Mildred met Havard Wesley Archerd in the autumn of 1932 in French Class at Hamline, and she married him on August 23, 1939 at Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church. Their son William was born the next year.



1939 - Mildred Forster & Havard Archerd wedding photo.

In the early part of 1945, when living in the Rogers Park area of Chicago, Mildred had an ectopic pregnancy and almost died. Mildred saved a number of letters from this period from relatives and friends referring to her serious illness and wishing her well. While she was in the hospital, she received a \$750 bequest from Lewis Doudiet, a man for whom her father had been employed.

In August 1945, Mildred's mother Emily died suddenly, and then, in April 1946, Mildred lost a baby (named James Norman after her favorite Cartwright cousin) because the hospital or doctor did not know that there was a Rh negative blood problem. Mildred may have neared death again at this time.



Havard was deferred from the Army draft during World War II at the request of Swift & Co., an important war industry. A 1944 letter from Swift to the Minneapolis Selective Service office described the need for Havard to handle the company's Cuban audit and described him as a Spanish scholar.

Just missing out on a transfer to the Honolulu office, Havard secured a transfer to Duluth in early 1948. He said that he and Mildred desired to find a better situation in which to raise a family. They purchased a modest house at 5703 Wyoming Street in the Lester Park area, with the down-payment borrowed from his father. The family remained in Lester Park until 1960, when they moved to 2044 Woodland Avenue in Hunter's Park, Duluth.

Havard left Swift & Co. in December 1949 and joined Coolerator Company in Duluth. He worked there as an accountant and auditor until April 1953, when Coolerator went into bankruptcy. In May 1953 he became the Director of Admissions and Records at the University of Minnesota in Duluth (UMD). He held this position for 15 years and then served for nine more years as director of Career Development.

From 1950 to 1956 Mildred helped organize and then served as associate director of the Wesley Foundation, serving the students at UMD. Then she took a position at First Methodist Church as the Director of Religious Education where she worked for 20 years.

Havard was a choir member at Lester Park Methodist Church (east side of Duluth) and from 1962 in First Methodist Church (central Duluth).





After retirement from U.M.D. in May 1977, Havard and Mildred spent even more time at their cabin on Daisy Island, and they also increased the pace of their "world touring": Scotland and England [May/June 1972], Caribbean cruise [March 1976], Hawaii/San Francisco [March 1977], Israel [April 1978], Mexico [March 1979], Jamaica [Dec./Jan. 1979/80], Maui, Kauai, Seattle [April 1982], Tucson [March 1983], Seattle, San Juan Islands [June 1983], Hawaii [Feb./March 1984], Portland/N. Cal. [May/June 1985], Black Hills [May 1986], Alaska cruise, Seattle [Aug./Sept. 1986], and Hood Canal/Seattle [June 1988]. Many of the trips were with friends Jerry and Holly Walker.

For the 50th anniversary of her graduation from Hamline, in 1986, Mildred wrote of her life. She reported that "in 1966 we purchased a small cabin on Daisy Island in Lake Vermilion in northern Minnesota. It was the beginning of a great adventure – remodeling, canoeing, boating trips, getting rid of bats, etc. Our son, Bill, initiated us into canoe trips and for many years we had special trips with our family and the youth groups. We survived it all! Bill graduated from Hamline in 1962. He is an attorney in St. Paul, has participated in alum activities and serves as a trustee of Hamline. We have three wonderful grand-children, Cindy [18], Billy [16], and Laura [11]."

In 1989, Havard and Milly moved to a senior apartment called Mount Royal Pines, not far from where they had resided on Woodland Avenue.

Havard had a mild heart attack, his first serious illness since childhood, on August 27, 1990, and recovered.

“Mildred Forster Archerd, 78, East St. Marie Street, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1992, in Chris Jensen Nursing Home. She was born and attended schools in Minneapolis. She received a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Hamline University, St. Paul, in 1936. She devoted her career to working with youth. Her first employment was as a youth worker with the Minneapolis YWCA. For 20 years she was a director of Christian education at First United Methodist Church, where she began a program of service to seniors called the Golden Age Club. She served as an adviser to the University of Life Youth Program and was instrumental in securing funding for the first bell choir. She chaperoned youth trips and canoe trips for many years at the church. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and the YWCA in Minneapolis and Duluth, serving on the board of directors in Duluth. She was a 50-year member of the Duluth Chapter of A.A.U.W. She was a member and past president of the P.E.O., Chapter Al. A son, James, died in 1946. Survivors include her husband, Havard; a son, William of Roseville, Minn.; and three grandchildren. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Oct. 2 in First United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Crawford Funeral Service.” [Duluth News Tribune.]

Mildred's ashes are in grave 22, Section M, Block 17 at Forest Hills Cemetery in Duluth. A memorial stone shows a picture of a canoe, a stand of pine trees and a lake.



“[Milly] was the most unflappable, unhurriable, unexcitable person I ever had the good fortune to work with. Milly was 'laid back' before anyone had even coined the term. When her P.E.O. sisters began to take themselves and their business too seriously, it was invariably Milly's ever ready, soft edged wit which punctured our pomposity and brought us back to reality [and] we have sorely missed her sly asides in our meetings these last years [and] it was with the younger generation that she shone. I always marveled at her ability with all ages of church school students, confirmation classes and college age people without feeling the need to abdicate her adulthood. She was a dependable friend and companion to the toddler and the college student; her flexibility combined with authority gave them a sense of security so needed by young people. There was a whole generation of young people who moved through the program of this church who are the richer for having come under her influence.” [Lee Ball, friend and P.E.O. sister, at Milly's funeral celebration in 1992.]

After Milly died, Havard prepared an outline of an autobiography with a title of "IT'S HAVARD, NOT HARVARD – AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY” but then he lost his enthusiasm for the project.

Havard continued to live at Mt. Royal Pines until his physical condition deteriorated, and, after a mild stroke in early October 1998 and subsequent bouts in the hospital he moved to the new assisted care unit at Mt. Royal Pines in October 1999. Unfortunately he was hospitalized again in early November 1999 and that resulted in a move to the Franciscan Health Care Center on Park Point in Duluth. His condition continued to weaken, and he died early in the morning on January 26, 2000 at Franciscan. [Dr. Hemenway, his primary doctor, indicated on the death certificate that the immediate cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, with contributing conditions being cancer of the bladder and Alzheimer's dementia.]

Havard's ashes were buried with Milly's at Forest Hills Cemetery.

Havard's early years are described in *Archerd, Family History, Second Edition, 2015*, by William Forster Archerd (copy online at archive.org).

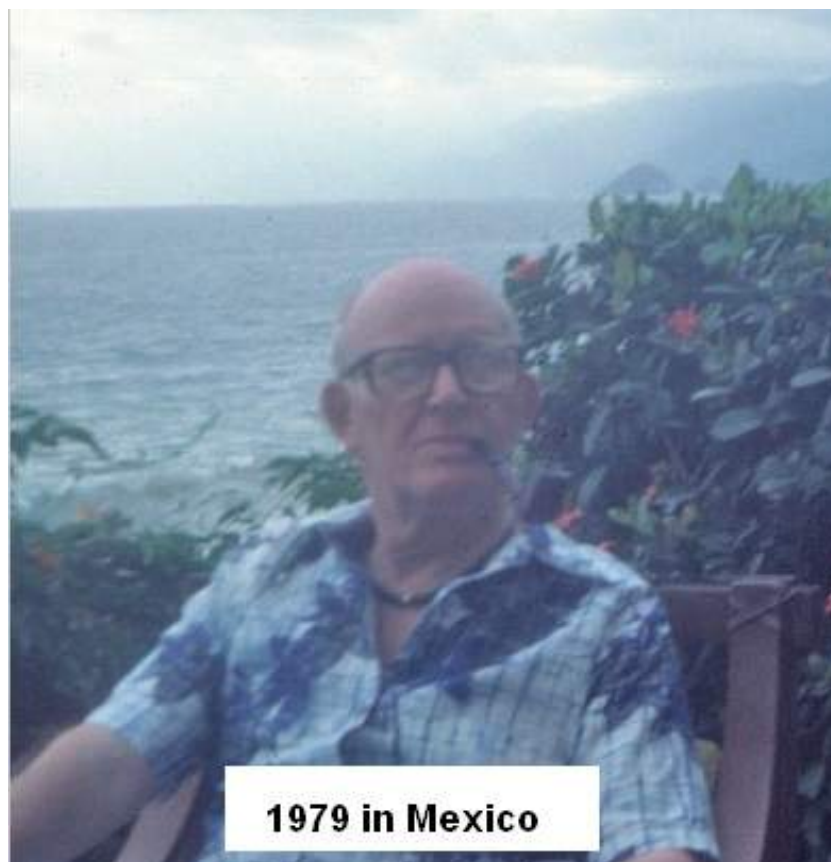
Havard Wesley Archerd was born in Callao, Republic of Peru, on July 9, 1913, where his parents were working in the missionary field for the Methodist church. The name *Havard* is rare in the U.S., and many people thought it was *Harvard*. He was given the name because his parents had read a Revolutionary War novel that mentioned a staff officer to George Washington named Colonel Havard. Among Havard's favorite Peruvian stories was a recollection of riding his horse *Boy Scout*. Havard and his older sister Iola were home-schooled in Peru by their mother.

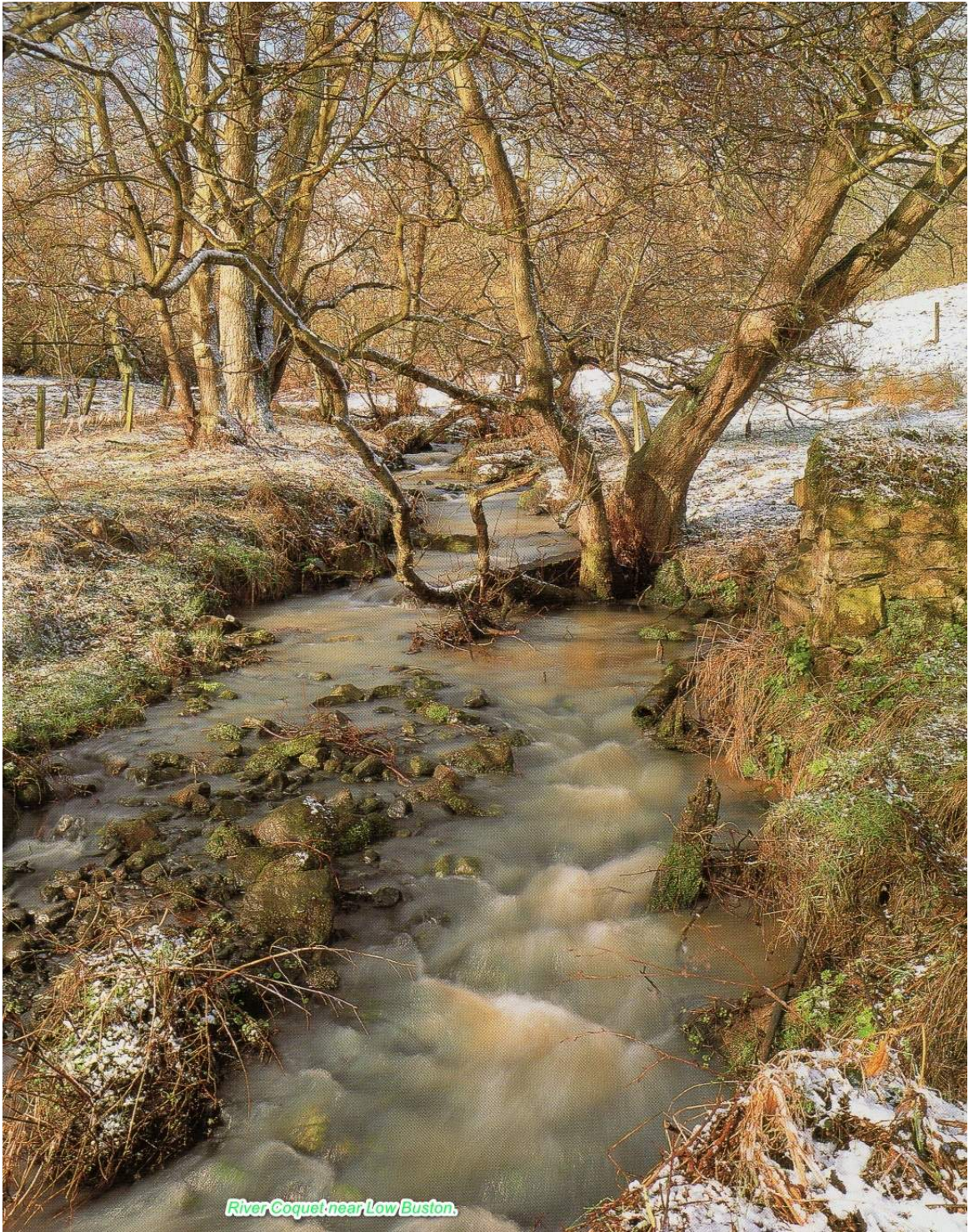
Upon returning to St. Paul in 1924, the family purchased a home near Hamline University, where Havard's father became a professor of romance languages. Havard attended Wilson Junior High School in St. Paul, Central High School in St. Paul and then Hamline University in

St. Paul. After high school graduation in 1931 he worked all summer in the creamery in Annandale, and after he entered Hamline he worked as a chauffeur for Dr. Shillington, the family physician. In high school and at Hamline, Havard was extremely interested in journalism. He was a very fine writer of news stories and editorials and sonnets and short stories. He wanted to be a journalist and at one time an archaeologist, but he decided on business and became an accountant. At Hamline, Havard was editor of the college newspaper, the *Oracle* and he was inducted into Torch & Cycle, an honorary leadership society. He was also a member of Theta Chi fraternity. He graduated from Hamline in 1935.

Havard was 5' 10" tall, had brown eyes and near black hair.

After Hamline graduation, Havard took a position *filling inkwells* at New York Life Insurance company in St. Paul. In 1939, he accepted an accounting position with the St. Paul office of the national meat packing concern, Swift & Company. He was transferred to the Duluth branch in 1941, the Fargo branch in 1942 and to the Chicago HQ near the stockyards in 1944. He and his family lived in Rogers Park and he commuted by elevated train. Havard audited the Havana office in the summers of 1944 and 1945. He had cocktails with Ernest Hemingway in Hemingway's favorite bar, and he spent Sundays at the horse track.





8. Siblings of Lt. William Forster (of chapter 2)

This chapter describes the two brothers and one sister of Lt. William Forster who lived to marry and have families: Charles Francis, Catherine and Joseph.

Charles Francis Forster (1732-1807)

Charles Francis Forster, son of Francis and Frances (Bathurst) Forster of Low Buston (*Chasolus Franciscus fil Franc. Forster de Low Buston*) was baptized in Warkworth Parish on September 7, 1732. (Fn 1)

Charles Francis entered Corpus Christi College, Oxford University on June 26, 1752 at age 19 and he earned a Bachelor of Civil Law degree in 1761. (Fn 2)

FORSTER OF CAMPVILLE.

CHARLES FRANCIS FORSTER of Low Buston and of Campville, baptised at Warkworth, 7th September, 1732; a collector of Roman stones commonly called 'General Forster'; died 25th March, 1807; buried at Warkworth; will dated 26th July, 1801; proved at York and Canterbury.

<p>Elizabeth Jefferies, = Augustus Caesar Forster of Campville, some time midshipman H.M.S. 'Tribune'; baptised at Morpeth, 21st July, 1782; to whom his father gave Campville in tail; died 18th December, 1855.</p>	<p>Jane Stoker, married at Newburn, 30th June, 1813; party to deed, 24th April, 1855.</p>	<p>Julia Forster, baptised at Rothbury, 1st May, 1767; named in her father's will; articles before marriage, 8th February, 1806; married circa February, 1805, William Storey of Guyzance, afterwards of Embleton, who, in April, 1808, by royal licence assumed the name of Forster in lieu of that of Storey; they resided at Thropton cottage, where he died, 1st February, 1839, aged 72, and she died 15th January, 1850, aged 84; both are buried at Rothbury.</p>
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Augustus Charles Francis Forster of Campville, only child and heir, born 27th February, 1831; joined with his father in disentailing the estate, 21st April, 1852; party to deed, 17th July, 1879; died 1884.

Archaeologia Aeliana, p. 131, Third Series, Vol. IV; Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Andrew Reid & Co.; 1908.

In 1762 Francis Forster entered into a settlement agreement with his son Charles Francis by which Francis' Low Buston properties would, at his decease, pass to Charles Francis and his heirs, with his brother William to take the remainder if there were no lawful heirs. (Fn 3)

Previous to his father's death in 1778, Charles Francis resided at Felton Peth (on the River Coquet southwest of Warkworth, and at Campville, an estate he had purchased near Harbottle. (Fn 4)

In 1767, at Alnwick, Charles Francis Forster and his servant had an illegitimate child Julia, whom they baptized in Rothbury Parish on May 1, 1767. (Fn 5)

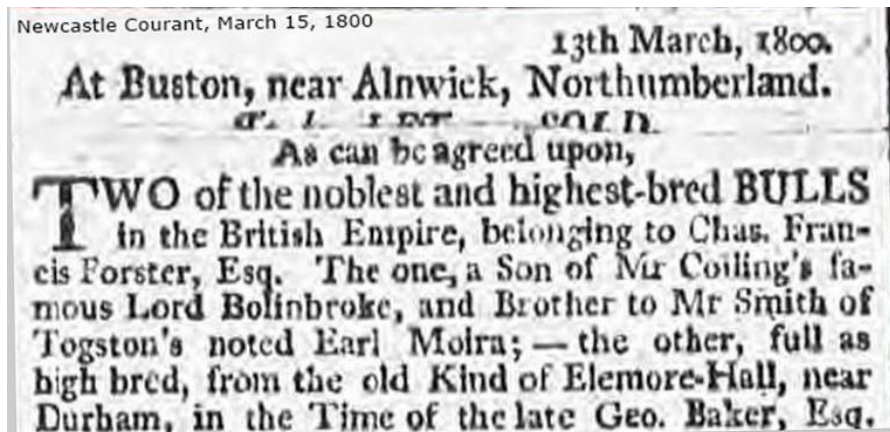
Charles Francis "... took a prominent part in the election of 1774, and voted for an annuity out of Low Buston: his character and exploits were satirized in a somewhat libelous lampoon. Commonly known as 'General' Forster, a *sobriquet* gained by giving that as his name on arrival at the closed gates of Berwick late of an evening, and hailing his porter for admittance; this able but eccentric man has left evidences of his taste as well as traditions of other characteristics. He was LL.B., C.C.C. Oxon., and Deputy Lieutenant, and J.P. for Northumberland. He was a successful collector of Roman Altars and Antiquities." (Fn 6)

Charles Francis, at age 46, became the owner of the Low Buston estate when his father died in 1778. (Fn 7)

"Up to this period [about 1779] the hamlet or town of Low Buston was a wide street, from east to west, with buildings and gardens on either side. The mansion faced the road which ran immediately past its north front. C. F. Forster seems to have formed a new public road to the north, to have thrown the old one into his gardens and pasture, and removed the old scattered cottages or else allowed them to fall. About the same time – certainly after 1779 – he would plant fine horse chestnuts and the sheltering plantations." (Fn 8)

On July 21, 1782 Charles Francis and Elizabeth Gleghorn baptized their illegitimate son, Augustus Caesar at Morpeth St. Mary's. He had been born at Redesdale near Rochester in Rothbury Parish. (Fn 9)

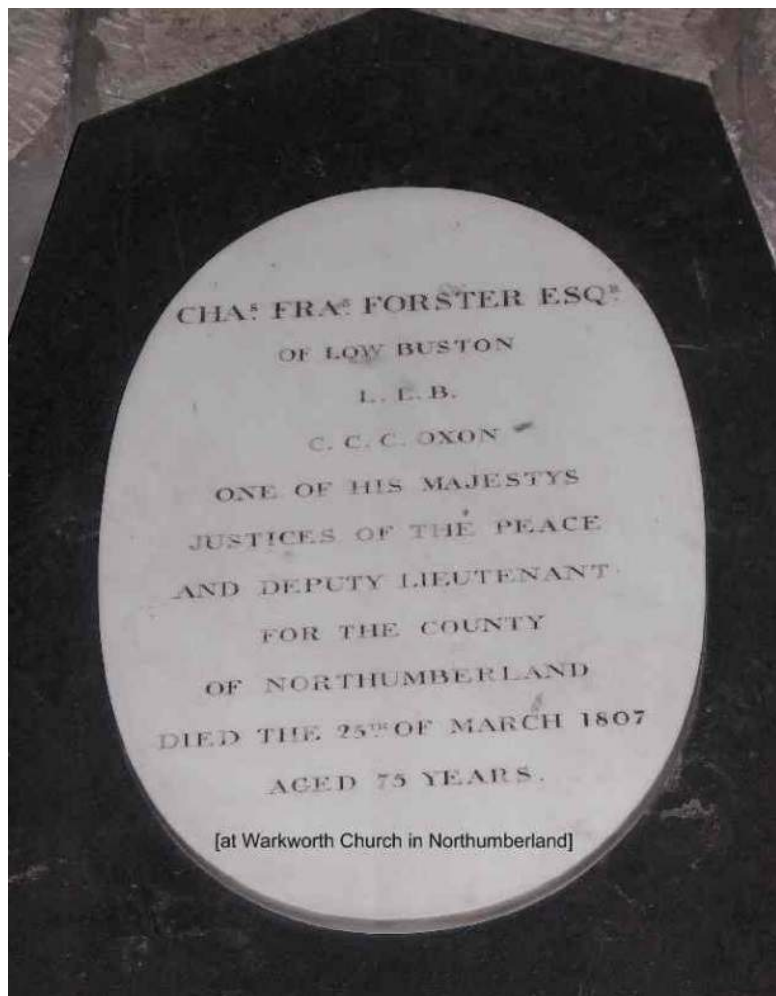
Charles Francis Forster also had a small property at High Rochester (*Bremenium* in Roman times) and in about 1785 he purchased the nearby William Potts estate called Lanternside and renamed it Campville. He stored his collected antiquities here, experimented in agriculture and used the property (called Highland Retreat) as a hunting lodge. (Fn 10)



In about 1797 or 1798 Augustus Forster entered the Royal Navy as a Midshipman. He served under Captain Walter Bathurst on *HMS Ville de Paris* (110 guns – Channel fleet), transferred with Bathurst in 1800 when the Captain took command of *HMS Eurydice* and transferred again

with the Captain (probably near Madras, India) to the *HMS Terpsichore*. He remained at sea for two years, was in the East Indies and returned to England in an East India ship with French prisoners about 1804. (Captain Bathurst may have been related to Augustus' grandmother Frances Bathurst Forster.) After spending time ashore in England, Augustus served on *HMS Tribune* until some time in 1806 or 1807, and then served on *HMS Spy*, a small sloop. His naval career ended during 1807. (Fn 11)

On July 26, 1801 Charles Francis made his Last Will and Testament. It did not specifically identify any of his real property holdings or interests. One of the executors was the Hon. Charles Grey, second Earl Grey of Howick & Prime Minister of England (1830-1834). After Charles Francis' death in 1807, the Will was proved both in York and in Canterbury (Fn 12)



On September 7, 1805, at Portsea (adjacent to Portsmouth, the home port for *HMS Tribune*), Augustus C. Forster married Elizabeth Jefferies. (Fn 13)

On February 13, 1806, at Warkworth, Julia Forster married William Story of the Chapelry of Brainshaugh. Story changed his surname to Forster. The couple moved to Thropton Cottage in Thropton village west of Rothbury. (Fn 14)

“Dying unmarried [on March 30, 1807], the un-entailed property was given by his Will to his two natural children, Augustus Caesar and Julia Caesar Forster, and the Low Buston estate [comprising 490 acres] passed to his nephew, Francis Forster of Margate.” (Fn 15) Charles Francis was buried at Warkworth on March 30, 1807. (Fn 16)

Augustus Forster sought and received a divorce from Elizabeth Jeffries by proving that the marriage was part of a scheme to relieve him of his property, including prize money in connection with a captured Spanish ship. He alleged that his wife took up a friendship with another man while he was at sea and explained how he discovered the situation. The divorce was allowed in 1811. Augustus inherited Campville when his father died in 1807. He was away from Campville for seven or eight years after his divorce, and probably lived in Newcastle for part of that time. The Newcastle townhouse at 41, Northumberland Street (per a City Directory) was probably purchased by his father and inherited by Augustus. (Fn 17)

On June 30, 1813 Augustus married Jane Stoker in Newburn Parish near Newcastle. She was only 14 and the daughter of a pitman from Ovingham. (Fn 18)

Augustus was a freeholder in Campville, Redesdale, and he had a townhouse at 41, Northumberland street, Newcastle. (Fn 19)

On February 27, 1831 Augustus and Jane Forster had son Augustus Charles Francis Forster, at Campville. He was their only child and heir. (Fn 20)

According to the 1841 and 1851 censuses Augustus Forster was at Campville, Township of Holystone. He and his wife were listed and he was of independent means, landed proprietor and fund holder.

In the 1841 census for Rothbury Parish: Julia Forster, 70; with Maria Nesbitt, 20.

Julia made her Will and a Codicil in 1842 and another Codicil in 1848. The Will identified a February 8, 1806 marriage settlement agreement among herself, her prospective husband and trustees William Burrell and Robert Pringle M.D. It disposed of her securities and other assets to “my valued friend Grace Pringle of Alnwick, widow of Dr. Pringle.” (Grace Hall and Robert Pringle had married in 1792 at Kirknewton.) There were also bequests to Mary Ann Polley, late Mary Ann Annwell of Lee, Kent; Robert Annwell Grace, church street, City of London; and my dear cousin Frances Mary Swain. George Hutchinson Swain of Stockton-on-Tees was named as Executor and Residuary Legatee. There was a reference to promissory notes of

William Parrie and John Forster of Warkworth. Maria Nesbit was a witness. Other witnesses were John Hall; George Selby Thompson; & Adam Weatherson. (Fn 21)

Julia died in 1850. (Fn 22)

On April 21, 1852 Augustus and his son Augustus joined to disentail the estate, probably referring to Campville. Robert and Fanny Thompson were also parties to the legal action. (Fanny was cousin Frances, daughter of Joseph Forster.) (Fn 23)

Augustus died in 1855. (Fn 24)

In the 1861 census for Campville: Jane Forster, widow, fund holder, and son Augustus, unmarried, 30, landed proprietor.

In the 1871 census for Holystone Township, at Campville: Augustus C. F. Forster, 40, landowner, born Alwinton, Northumberland; Jane Forster, mother, widow, 74, annuitant, born Newburn; and a servant.

Jane Forster died in 1878. (Fn 25)

On July 17, 1879, after an arbitration of a dispute between Augustus C. F. Forster and a Mr. Clennell over the ownership of Holystone common, the parties exchanged deeds to clarify matters, with Augustus and his trustees receiving title to more than 18 acres of enclosed ground and more than 34 acres on Holystone common, plus a sum of money. Augustus died in 1884 near Bedlington, unmarried and without issue. His properties, including Lanternside, passed to Robert Thompson of Stockton, the heir at law of Charles Francis Forster who died in 1807. (Fn 26)

Footnotes:

1. The registers of Warkworth parish, Northumberland, 1677-1812, by J.C. Hodgson, 1899, Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne, South Shields, England, at familysearch.org.
2. Forster, Charles Francis, s. Francis, of Buston, Northumberland, arm. Corpus Christi Coll., matric. 26 June, 1752, aged 19; B.C.L. 1761, of Low Buston and Arkendale, etc., J.P., D.L. Northumberland, died 25 March 1807 aged 75 (*Alumni Oxonienses*, by Joseph Forster, Oxford: Parker and Co., 1888-1892).
3. *Low Buston*, by J. C. Hodgson, p. 521, Vol. XII, Part III.-1889, History of the Berwickshire Naturalists' Club, 1887-1889; printed (for the club) in 1890 by Henry Hunter Blair, Market Place, Alnwick.
4. *Low Buston*, p. 522, Fn 3; and *Lanternside otherwise Campville*, by J.C. Hodgson, pp. 128-132, in *Archaeologia Aeliana*, Third Series, Vol. IV; Newcastle-upon-Tyne;

- Andrew Reid & Co.; 1908; *Lanternside otherwise Campville* is part of Hodgson's paper called *Holystone*. This area is part of Alwinton Parish, Northumberland.
5. "Julia illeg. Dau of Charles Francis Forster Esq. and his Woman servant at Alnwick" (*Lanternside otherwise Campville*), Fn 4; & Rothbury (CofE), Nbld parish register.
 6. *A History of Northumberland*, p. 230, Vol. V, The Parish of Warkworth (also Shilbottle and Brainshaugh), by John Crawford Hodgson; Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Andrew Reid & Company, Limited, 1899.
 7. *A History of Northumberland*, Fn 6.
 8. *A History of Northumberland*, Fn 6.
 9. Parish register transcripts for St. Mary the Virgin Church (CofE) in Morpeth, Northumberland; microfilmed by Genealogical Society of Utah in 1949 at the Newcastle-on-Tyne Record Office - DGS #8054629; and 1854 deposition in a Chancery Court proceeding entitled *In the Matter of an act of parliament made and passed in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria entitled An act for better securing trust funds and for the relief of trustees and in the matter of the trust created by an indenture of settlement of the tenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine made in pursuance of the will of Charles Francis Forster late of Buston in the county of Northumberland Esquire deceased* (C24/2508, U. K. National Archives)..
 10. *Lanternside otherwise Campville*, Fn 4.
 11. 1854 deposition, Fn 9.
 12. Charles Francis Forster Will, PCC PROB 11/1488/177.
 13. Hampshire Allegations for Marriage Licences granted by the Bishop of Winchester, 1689 to 1837, p. 21, vol. I, "Forster, Augustus-Caesar, of H.M.S. Tribune, gent., 21, b., & Elizabeth Jefferies, of Portsea, 21, sp."
 14. *Lanternside otherwise Campville*, p. 131, Fn 4.
 15. *A History of Northumberland*, Fn 6.
 16. The registers of Warkworth parish, Fn 1.
 17. 1854 depo., p. 201, Fn 9; and *Lanternside otherwise Campville*, p. 131, Fn 4.
 18. *Lanternside otherwise Campville*, p. 131, Fn 4.
 19. 1826 freeholders' list covering Campbell; and 1827 directory for Newcastle and Gateshead.
 20. *Lanternside otherwise Campville*, p. 131, Fn 4.
 21. Julia Forster Will, PCC PROB 11/2109/414.
 22. Rothbury registration district 25, 273 (quarter ended March 1850).
 23. The disentailment action was probably part of, or related to, the proceeding mentioned in Fn 9.
 24. Death certificate recorded for *Agustus Cesar Forster* in quarter ended Dec. 1855 (Rothbury RD, 10b, 193).
 25. Death certificate recorded for *Jane Forster* in the quarter ended Dec. 1878 (Morpeth RD 10b, 228).
 26. *Lanternside otherwise Campville*, p. 132, Fn 4.

Catherine (Forster) Hutchinson (1736-1789)

Catherine Forster, daughter of Francis and Frances (Bathurst) Forster, was baptized at Morpeth St. Mary's on June 24, 1736; the baptism record included her birth date of May 11, 1736.

Catherine was raised in and around Warkworth and Morpeth parishes. Her mother died in 1753 when Catherine was 17.

On October 27, 1767 Francis Forster made a marriage settlement (*articles before marriage*) for the benefit of daughter Catherine. (Fn 1)

On December 13, 1767, Catherine Forster married George Hutchinson of Stockton Parish in Durham county. The marriage was at St. Thomas a Becket church. (Fn 2)

The Hutchinsons were said to be an old lineage (Hutchinson of Whitton House). George and Catherine's children were listed as George, Henry and Frances-Mary. (Fn 3) The baptism records of St. Thomas a Becket church, Stockton-on-Tees, give these details: George - October 28, 1768; Henry - October 16, 1778; Frances Mary - July 29, 1771 (born March 25); and also Catherine - June 9, 1774. Catherine was buried on December 5, 1783. St. Thomas a Becket church is now a ruins and a designated historic monument. (Fn 4)

In 1778 Catherine Hutchinson inherited her father's property in Lesbury Parish, Northumberland. (Fn 5)

Son George Hutchinson married Charlotte Barbara Dawson on May 16, 1793; she was the daughter/co-heiress of Thomas Dawson, Esq. of Tanfield, Durham. (Fn 6) Catherine's husband George was Mayor of Stockton in 1776-1777, and a supporter of a *blue coat* charity school, and a library. (Fn 7)

In 1785, George Hutchinson and his brothers Thomas and Henry established the Tees Bank in Stockton; previously George was a timber merchant. Eventually the original partners were succeeded by sons George Hutchinson, jun. and Henry Hutchinson. (Fn 8)

In 1787 Hugh Baikie of Deal wrote to George Hutchinson, probably in connection with his wife's administration of the estate of George's late father-in-law Francis Forster or his late brother-in-law William Forster (whose widow Baikie had married in 1780). (Fn 9)

Catherine Hutchinson died in 1789 and was buried in Stockton Parish. Her husband, who died in 1804, was also buried there. His Will was proved on September 4, 1804 at York. (Fn 10)

George and Charlotte Hutchinson, Jr. had son George Thomas on March 15, 1794. He married Elizabeth Mercer in 1826; she was the only daughter of Captain John Mercer of the East India service. George and Charlotte also had Charles Francis on July 22, 1796; Charlotte who died

young; and Catherine Mary (who married Jose Luis Fernandes, grandson and representative of the late Marquis of Tavora). (Fn 11)

Frances Mary Hutchinson married Charles Swain in Whitton on July 15, 1800; he was the son of Samuel Swain, of Sewardstone, Essex, Alderman of London. They had a son George Hutchinson Swain on May 31, 1801. He married Ann Dickson on April 9, 1833 in Harpham, Yorkshire. (Fn 12)

Henry Hutchinson was Mayor of Stockton in 1816 and 1817.

George Hutchinson, Jr. and Henry Hutchinson were bankers and principals at Tees Bank in Stockton. The Bank went bankrupt in 1824.

George Hutchinson, Jr. retired to Whitton after the bank failure. He was in the 1841 census for Stockton and Sedgfield registration district, Durham: George Hutchinson, 73; Charlotte Hutchinson, 68; and three servants.

Charlotte Hutchinson died in 1844 and George on May 19, 1856 at Whitton. (Fn 12)

In the 1841 census for Stockton Parish, Durham, Frances Swain was a widow, 70, of independent means, living with daughter Ann, 35 and with Grace Swain, 3, plus a bevy of servants. Frances was named as *my dear cousin Frances Mary Swain* in the 1842 Will of Julia Caesar Forster. Also named in that Will was George Hutchinson Swain.

Henry Hutchinson died at Douglas, Isle of Man, April 14, 1847. (Fn 13)

In the 1851 census for Stockton, George H. Swaine, 49, resided in a townhouse on the south side of the square with his wife Ann, 43, Grace, 13; and Frances M. Swain, 80. There were three servants.

Frances Mary Swain died in 1861. (Fn 14)

In the 1861 census for Norton Parish, George H. Swain, 59, was with his wife Ann, daughter Grace, 23, and three servants.

“Amongst our local poets may be noticed this gentleman (George Hutchinson Swain), though he has only published a few of his poems. Some years ago he purchased the residence of Henry Stapylton at Norton [with a footnote referring to the first house in Paradise Row] left to Mr. Swain's grandfather George Hutchinson, Esq” by Mr. Hutchinson's uncle John Scurfield, Esq. of Crimdon House. (Fn 15)

Ann Swain died in 1866. (Fn 16)

George Hutchinson Swain died on June 7, 1868 in Piccadilly, Middlesex. His estate was probated in Durham; his daughter Grace Swain was administratrix. (Fn 17)

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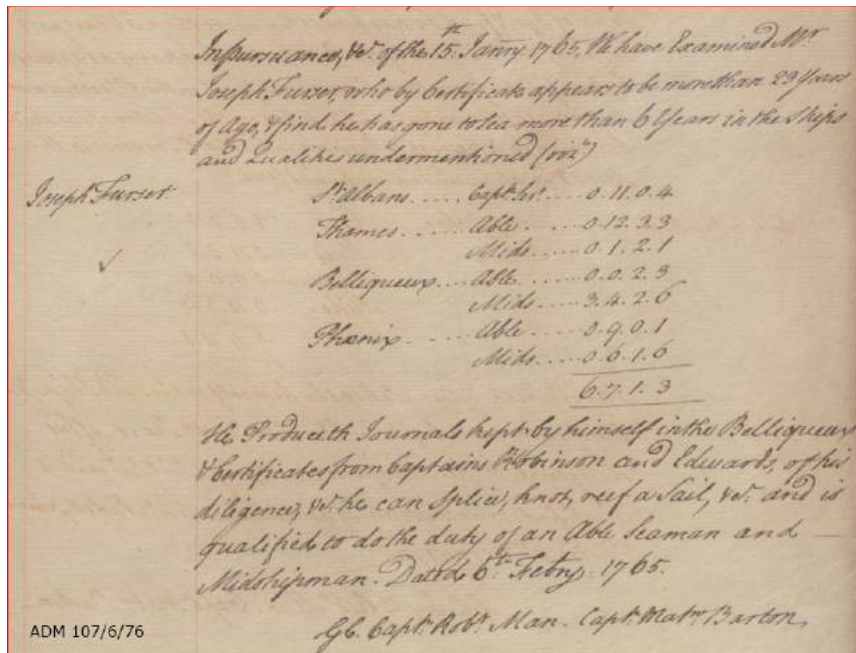
1. The settlement was described in the 1778 Will of Francis Forster as being in the amount of £1,166 13s 4d; Catherine was called his only daughter; daughters Frances and Anne predeceased Francis.
2. *A History of Northumberland*, p. 227, Vol. V, The Parish of Warkworth (also Shilbottle and Brainshaugh), by John Crawford Hodgson; Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Andrew Reid & Company, Limited, 1899; and transcription of marriage record at FindMyPast.
3. Hutchinson of Whitton House, p. 625, Vol. 1 (A-L) *Burke's Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Landed Gentry*, by John Burke; London, Henry Colburn, Publisher, 1847.
4. Transcriptions of the Hutchinson baptisms from FindMyPast.
5. *A History of Northumberland*, p. 229, Fn 2.
6. *Burke's Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Landed Gentry*, Fn 3.
7. 1830 Report on Charities for Parish of Stockton (part of Sessional Papers of the House of Commons); and *A History of Banks, Bankers & Banking in Northumberland, Durham & North Yorkshire*, by Phillips Maberly, 1894.
8. Maberly banking history, Fn 7.
9. Ebay (UK) advertisement for sale of the *pre-stamp* envelope enclosing the letter in question.
10. Will of George Hutchinson, indexed as DPRI/1/1804/H27/1-6 in the North East Inheritance Database of Durham University.
11. Parish of Grindon, p. 327, vol. 2 of the *History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham*, by William Fordyce.
12. *Burke's Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Landed Gentry*, Fn 3.
13. The death registration of Charlotte Hutchinson was at Stockton R.D. (third Quarter 1884), 24, 157; and for George Hutchinson at Stockton (second Quarter 1856), 10a, 21.
14. Maberly banking history, p. 289, Fn 7.
15. The death registration for Frances Mary Swain was at Stockton R.D. (first Quarter 1861), 10a, 42.
16. The Annals of Stockton-on-Tees, by Henry Heavisides, 1865.
17. The death registration for Ann Swain was at Stockton R.D (first Quarter 1866), 10a, 53.
18. National Probate Calendar, 1868; there was a reference to the late George H. Swain at p. 61, *The History of the Stockton and Darlington Railway*, by G. M. Tweddell.

Lt. Joseph Forster (1738-1814)

Joseph Forster, son of Francis and Frances (Bathurst) Forster, was baptized in Morpeth St. Mary's on October 5, 1738; the baptism record included his birth date of August 5, 1738.

Joseph was raised in and around Warkworth and Morpeth parishes. His mother died in 1753 when he was 15.

Joseph became a lieutenant in the Royal Navy. His Lieutenant's Passing Certificate spelled his surname as *Furser*. The prior record on the same page was for William Forster, Joseph's brother. (Fn 1)



Joseph's father, in his 1778 Will, only left Joseph with a trivial amount of money, and Joseph was not included in entail provisions for any of his father's land. In other words, he was disinherited. (Fn 2)

Joseph married Isabella Hargrove in Scotland late in 1780. "Last week, in Scotland, Joseph Forster of Warkworth, esq., to the most admirable Miss Hargrove of Aledike, near Alnwick, a young lady (though not possessed of a very extensive fortune), whose mental qualifications add a brilliancy to her other engaging charms, in short, the graces who have been prodigal in their favors to the amiable fair, make her an object so exceeding desirable that cannot fail to render that union happy and compleat." (Fn 3) The marriage was repeated on Feb. 3, 1781, by banns, in Warkworth Parish, Northumberland. (Fn 4)

Joseph and Isabella Forster baptized four children in Warkworth Parish: Charles Turner Forster, born on January 26, 1782, baptized on June 7, 1782 and buried on September 24, 1785; Francis Bathurst Forster (son of Jos Forster of Amble) baptized on January 14, 1793 and buried on Sept. 4, 1794; Frances Forster (daughter of Joseph Forster and his wife Isabella Hargrove, native of Lesbury) born on May 5, 1796 and baptized on January 1, 1800; and

Charles Francis Forster (son of Joseph Forster and his wife Isabella Hargrove, native of Lesbury, born on April 4, 1798 and baptized on January 1, 1800). (Fn 5)

Isabella Forster (*wife of Jos. Forster of Warkworth*), age 45, died on June 11 and was buried at Warkworth Parish on June 14, 1806; and her husband *Joseph Forster, gent, abode Warkworth*, age 77 was buried on March 23, 1814. (Fn 6)

When Joseph Forster died in 1814, daughter Frances was 18 and son Charles Francis was 16. They may have moved to Durham to live with married cousin Frances Mary (Hutchinson) Swain.

Frances Forster married Robert Thompson in Stockton Parish on June 7, 1821. (Fn 7) Frances and Robert had a girl in 1824, Frances Juliana Thompson, but she died at age 7 on May 4, 1831. (Fn 8)

Charles Francis married Jane Whitfield on July 21, 1825. He was buried on January 15, 1828 at Stockton-on-Tees, Durham, and his residence was said to be Portrack Blue House. (Fn 9)

In the 1841 census, on High Street in Stockton: Robert Thompson, 40, wine merchant, born in Durham; Frances, 40, not born in Durham; Anna Jane, 8, born in Durham; and two servants.

The Thompson's also had a son Charles Forster Thompson in 1822. According to a M.I. at Stockton St. Thomas: "Charles Forster Thompson, son of Frances Thompson, 1822-1847, 25, died at Dinapore [India] May 8th."

In the 1851 census, at 138 High Street in Stockton: Robert Thompson, 52, wine merchant employing 3 men, born Castle Eden, Durham; his wife Frances, 52, born in Warkworth; daughter Anna J., unmarried, 18; born Stockton, Durham; and two female servants.

Anna Jane Thompson married Edward Lawrence Marrett on September 14, 1854 at Stockton-on-Tees Parish. (Fn 10)

Frances (Forster) Thompson died on January 1, 1857 and was buried on January 6 in the churchyard of Stockton St. Thomas. A death notice advised: "Jan 1. At Stockton-on-Tees, aged 60, Frances, wife of Robert Thompson, esq., of that place. She was a member of the ancient and once powerful family of Foster (*sic*), of Adderstone and Bambro' Castle, and represented the oldest branch of that family long seated at Low Buston, in Northumberland, as well as one of the co-heiresses of Bathurst, of Skutterskelfe, Clints, and Arkendale, in the North Riding of Yorkshire." (Fn 11)

In the 1861 census for 138 High Street, Stockton on Tees: Robert Thompson, 62, widower, retired wine merchant, born Castle Eden; his brother George, 50, wine merchant; his son Robert, 31, wine merchant; and two servants. The census was enumerated on April 7.

Robert Thompson, senior, appears to have died before the 1871 census, but his death and burial records have not been found. His son Robert appears to be Major Robert Thompson of the next paragraph.

“On the death of Mr. Augustus Charles Francis Forster, in 1884, the property of Lanternside, otherwise Campville, comprising between five and six hundred acres, passed to Major Robert Thompson of Stockton, the heir at law of ... Charles Francis Forster who died in 1807. Major Thompson died in 1904 & the property now belongs to his son, Mr. Arthur Thompson.” (Fn 12)

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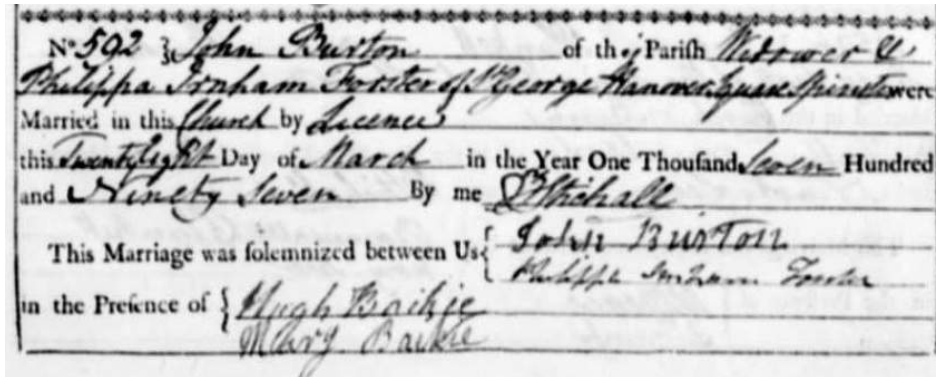
1. *Royal Navy Lieutenant's Passing Certificates* (Part I, A-J, p. 107), by Bruno Pappalardo – referring to Admiralty record ADM 107/6/ p. 76.
2. *A History of Northumberland*, p. 229, Vol. V, The Parish of Warkworth (also Shilbottle and Brainshaugh), by John Crawford Hodgson; Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Andrew Reid & Company, Limited, 1899.
3. *Newcastle Journal* Dec. 23, 1780 cited in *A History of Northumberland*, p. 229, Fn 2.
4. Warkworth Parish, Northumberland marriage register for 1781, Durham University Library at DDR/EA/PBT/2/262/38-9).
5. Warkworth Parish, Northumberland baptism and burial registers, from Durham University Library at DDR/EA/PBT/2: baptism of Charles Turner Forster, June 7, 1782, 262/41-42; burial Sept. 24, 1785, 262/49; baptism of Francis Bathurst Forster, January 14, 1793, 262/63; burial Sept. 4, 1794, 262/68; and baptism of Frances Forster and Charles Francis Forster on January 1, 1800, 262/79-80.
6. Warkworth Parish, Northumberland burial registers, from Durham University Library at DDR/EA/PBT/2: burial of Isabella Forster, wife of Joseph Forster of Warkworth, 262/94; and burial of Joseph Forster, of Warkworth, 262/132.
7. *A History of Northumberland*, p. 227, Fn 2.
8. M.I. Stockton St. Thomas; also *A History of Northumberland*, p. 227, Fn 2.
9. *A History of Northumberland*, p. 227, Fn 2; and burial record at familysearch.org.
10. Transcription of marriage from FindMyPast.
11. Frances Thompson was buried at St. Thomas churchyard in Stockton-on-Tees; her death registration was in the first quarter of 1857 at the Teesdale R.D., 10a, 99; death notice in *The Gentleman's Magazine and Historical Review*, MDCCCLVII, London, John Henry and James Parker, 1857; and M.I. *Frances Thompson, 1797-1857, 60, died Jan 1st [followed by] Robert Thompson, husband of Frances Thompson*.
12. *Lanternside otherwise Campville*, by J.C. Hodgson, p. 132, in *Archaeologia Aeliana*, Third Series, Vol. IV; Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Andrew Reid & Co.; 1908; *Lanternside otherwise Campville* is part of Hodgson's paper called *Holystone*. This area is part of Alwinton Parish, Northumberland.

9. Sisters of Francis Forster (of chapter 3)

Francis Forster had sisters, Philippa Irnham and Frances Maria. They were born in 1775 to William and Mary (Edwards) Forster. William died in 1779, and his widow Mary married Hugh Baikie in 1780. The Baikies had a daughter Cecilia Mary in 1793.

Philippa Irnham Forster Burton/Baikie (1775-1823)

On March 29, 1797 Philippa married Sir John Burton at St. Pancras (Old Church), Middlesex. The witnesses were her mother and stepfather, Mary and Hugh Baikie.



Sir John Burton of Wakefield in the West Riding of Yorkshire was born in 1744. In 1770 he married Honor Thursby of Abington, Northamptonshire. Their only son was Richard Burton; he was born in 1773 and later resided at Sackett's Hill on the Isle of Thanet. Sir John and his second wife Philippa Irnham Forster had a daughter Philippa Frances Cecilia Burton on March 1, 1799; she was baptized on April 4, 1799 at St. Pancras in Middlesex. (Fn 1) They also had a son John who died in 1801.



Enamel miniature of Philippa F.C. Burton.

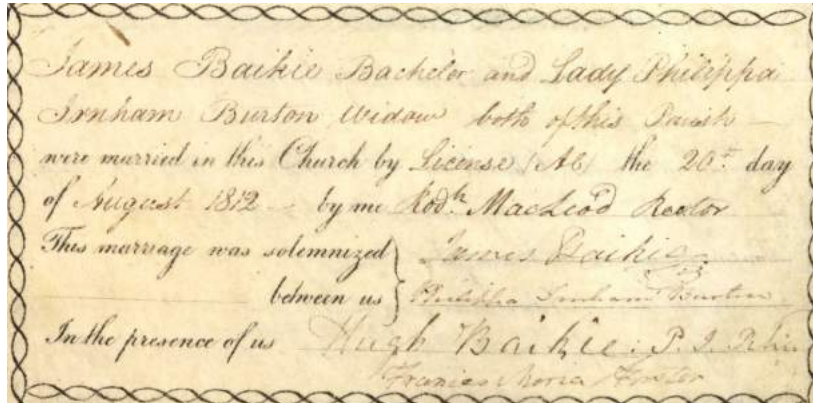
Reverse side of miniature.

At one time Sir John served as an officer in Conway's Dragoons, and so was called “Col. and Sir John Burton” in the image of Philippa’s miniature. (Fn 2)

Sir John Burton made his Will on March 4, 1803 at Soho Square, Westminster, Middlesex (in the margin of which was written *John Burton Knight, formerly John Burton Squire*. He directed that he be buried near his first wife in the Vault under Islington Church. He named Philippa Irnham Burton as his current wife, his son as Richard Burton and his daughter as Philippa Frances Burton. He mentioned properties he owned and was buying at Soho Square in the Parish of Saint Anne, Westminster. Trusts were established to hold his real and personal properties for the benefit of his wife, son and daughter. He died in 1809 and his Will was proved in December of that year. (Fn 3)

Soho Square originally consisted of six houses (Nos. 32-37) on the southern part of the west side of the square. They were owned by the Portland Estate. Sir Richard Burton, Knight leased #36 from 1802-1811. Neighbors during that period were: #32 – Sir Joseph Banks, naturalist and traveler who sailed with Captain James Cook in 1768-1771 and who maintained his library and exhibits and residence at #32; #33 – unknown; #34 – Sir James Duberley until 1809; and #37 – Dulau & Company, foreign booksellers. (Fn 4)

On August 20, 1812 Lady Philippa Irnham Burton wed James Baikie at Saint Anne Soho, Westminster. Hugh Baikie and Frances Maria Forster were witnesses. Hugh was James’ uncle and Frances was Philippa’s sister.



Philippa I. Baikie was buried November 13, 1823 at Islington St. Mary in the Choir Vault.

Baikie Philippa Irnham No. 1407. Choir Vault	Soho Square	— 13	48	Rev Mr. MacLeod
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James Baikie was in business, with others, in 1824 as “bankers, dealers, chapmen” in Chatham and Sheerness, according to a bankruptcy proceeding.

On June 23, 1825 Philippa Frances Cecilia Burton married Edward Downes, Esq. of Furnivals Inn, at Westminster St. Anne's Soho.

Edward Downes Esquire		of	Parish
Furnivals Inn in the County of Middlesex a Bachelor			
and	Philippa Frances Burton	of	this Parish
a Spinster			
were married in this	Church	by	Licence of 1825
		with Consent of	
		this	Twenty third
		Day of	
June		in the Year one Thousand eight Hundred and	twenty five
By me		Edw ^d Downes	
This Marriage was		solemnized between us	
		Edward Downes	
		Philippa Frances Burton	
In the Presence of		James Baikie Esq ^r & Co	
		Chas Downes Esq ^r & Co	
No 1312			

In 1833 the Codicil of Francis Forster (of Margate) placed James Baikie on Percy Street, Bedford Square, London.

In the 1841 census, James Baikie, 75, was with the Edward Downes' family in Ware, Hertfordshire (Edward, Philippa, and daughters Philippa Frances Cecilia, Ann Elizabeth and Henrietta Ann Louisa). James, 85 (born at St. Martin's, Westminster) was also with the Downes' family in the 1851 census, at 30 Hyde Park Square.

James Baikie made his Will in 1844 at 30 Hyde Park Square in London. He left his property in trust with Edward Downes for the benefit of his sister Peggy Johnstone Rhind, widow and her sons Clarence Rhind of Chatham and William Graham Rhind of Ross, Hertfordshire. He also made bequests to the three Downes' daughters and to *his good and kind friend* Edward Downes. The Will was proved in January 1853. (Fn 5)

James Baikie was buried on September 11, 1852 in the Churchyard of Ware St. Mary the Virgin in Hertfordshire. (Fn 6)

Edward Downes, husband of Philippa Burton, was baptized on July 9, 1795 in Lamarsh, Essex by Joseph and Ann Downes. He had a number of siblings, including a brother named Charles, who witnessed Edward's marriage to Philippa. Edward, of 30 Hyde Park Square, made his Will on June 9, 1856. He established testamentary trusts for his wife, her cousin Frances Cecilia Burton Forster and his married daughter Ann Elizabeth Cox, and established annuities for his unmarried daughters Philippa and Henrietta. There was an 1859 Codicil. Edward died on February 9, 1863. The Will was proved on April 15, 1863. (Fn 7)

Philippa F. C. (Burton) Downes died on June 29, 1872 at Fernside House, Sydenham Hill, Dulwich, Surrey. (Fn 8)

Daughter *Philippa Downes* was buried at Twickenham Cemetery (southwest London area) on September 16, 1905 (Lot no. C-37).

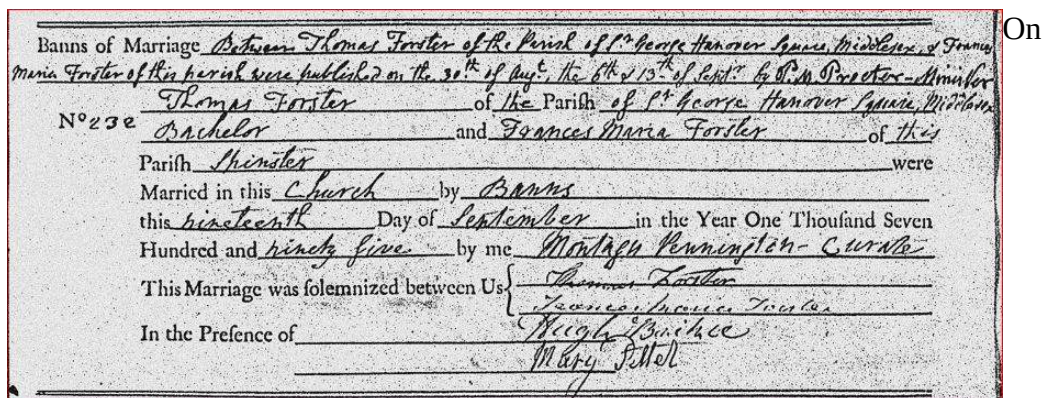
Daughter *Ann Elizabeth Downes* married Col. Charles James Cox (Kensington R.D.) in 1854, lived in Fordwich, Kent and raised an interesting family. Ann died in 1885 and her spouse in 1889.

Daughter *Henrietta Ann Louise Downes* married George French, gentleman of Paddington, at St. Savior's Paddington on February 5, 1867. She died in 1871 in St John's Wood, Middlesex.

Footnotes:

1. Image 149 of 199 on film #8042459 of familysearch.org showing baptism at St. Pancras Church, Middlesex, of Philippa Frances Burton on April 4, 1799 (birth on March 1, 1799).
2. The image of the enamel miniature of Philippa was obtained from an auction website.
3. Will of Sir John Burton, at PCC PROB 11/1506/115.
4. *Soho Square Area: Portland Estate: No. 36 Soho Square*, Survey of London: pp. 122-123, volumes 33 and 34: St Anne Soho (1966), F. H. W. Sheppard (General Editor).
5. Will of James Baikie, at PCC PROB 11/2165/33.
6. Summary of obituary of James Baikie, 86, from *Herts Guardian Agricultural Journal*, p. 3 (record included in familysearch.org).
7. Will of Edward Downes, made in 1856; transcription included with Edward Downes profile in the Ancestry.com tree of "Archerd+Forster.
8. National Probate Calendar.

Frances Maria Forster (1775-1823)



September 19, 1795, at Eastry Parish, Kent, Frances Maria married Thomas Forster, after banns. Thomas Forster was a druggist, son of Mr. Forster of Long Acre, London. (Fn 1) Thomas Burton Forster was born on June 24, 1799 to Thomas and Frances Maria Forster. He was baptized on July 11, 1799 at Saint George Hanover Square, Middlesex. (Fn 2)

On September 6, 1800, Thomas Forster of Old Bond Street, Saint George Hanover Square, chemist, made his Last Will and Testament. He left his entire estate to his wife Frances Maria. (Fn 3)



The reverse side of the enamel miniature identified Thomas Forster as the son of the sister of Lady Burton. (Fn 4)

On June 24, 1801 Thomas and Frances Forster baptized Frances Cecilia Burton at Saint George Hanover Square. (Fn 5)

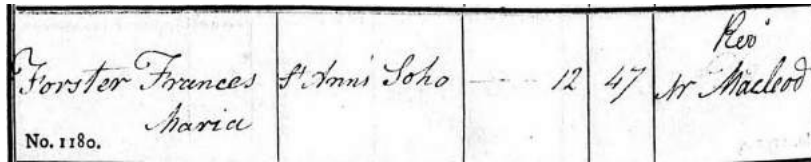
Thomas Forster sen'r was buried on November 18, 1805 at Islington St. Mary. On December 3, 1805 his Will was proved in London.

On December 13, 1820 Thomas Burton Forster petitioned the Court of Directors of the United East India Company for appointment as a Cadet for the Bombay Infantry. The associated papers stated that Forster had received a classical education from Dr. Bathie in Hammersmith and that his father was dead and his mother resided with an uncle at 36 Soho Square. Frances Maria Forster signed a Parent's Certificate on December 7, 1820. (Fn 6)

Thomas Burton Forster was not named in his mother's Will made in late 1822, and the reverse side of the miniature indicated that he died of yellow fever while in the Royal Navy (sic, Bombay Infantry?).

Frances Maria Forster of Soho Square, Westminster, widow of Thomas Forster late of Norton Street, London, made her Last Will and Testament on December 5, 1822. She bequeathed her

entire personal estate to her daughter Frances Cecilia Burton Forster; and appointed James Baikie, Esquire of Soho Square as Executor. Witnesses were John Watson and Chas. Gardiner (spouse of step-sister Cecilia Mary Baikie). (Fn 7)



On April 12, 1823, Frances Maria Forster was buried at Islington St. Mary, Middlesex. Her sister was buried in the same cemetery later in 1823.

James Baikie did not prove the 1822 Will of Francis Maria Forster until March 30, 1836.

Frances Cecelia Burton Forster did not marry. In 1841 she was with the Edward Downes household in Ware, Hertfordshire. James Baikie's 1844 Will included a legacy for his niece *Miss Frances Forster*. In 1851 visitor Frances Forster, 49, was still with the Downes in Ware, and again in 1861 as Frances C. B. Forster, cousin, 59, unmarried, born Middlesex, St. Pancras. She died late in 1864 in Kent. (Fn 8)

Footnotes:

1. 1794 London directory: "Forster Thomas, Chymist & Druggist, 2, Old Bond street"; and *A History of Northumberland*, p. 228, Vol. V, The Parish of Warkworth (also Shilbottle and Brainshaugh), by John Crawford Hodgson; Newcastle upon Tyne, Andrew Reid & Company, Limited, 1899.
2. Certificate of birth, extracted from the parish register of St. George, Hanover Square on Dec. 5, 1820, for Thomas Burton s: of Thomas & Frances Maria Forster, who was born on June 24, 1799 and baptized on July 11, 1799. Obtained from appointment records of the East India Company (images on FindMyPast).
3. Will of Thomas Forster, at PCC PROB 11/1434/202.
4. Image of an enamel miniature from an auction website, where it was described as: Beguiling watercolour on ivory miniature of Thomas Forster, English School, ca 1805. Frame 4 1/8" (w) x 4 5/8" (h)" sold for \$850 in 2004).
5. Parish register of St. George, Hanover Square: birth on April 4 and baptism on June 24, 1801, of Frances Cecilia Burton D. of Thomas & Frances Maria Forster; image 432 of 602, Westminster Archives film (FindMyPast transcription).
6. Images of the East India Company papers of Thomas Burton Forster were found at FindMyPast.
7. Will of Frances Maria Forster, at PCC PROB 11/1859/71.
8. Death registration for Frances Maria Burton Forster was in the Eastry R.D., Kent, fourth quarter 1864, 2a, 461.

Cecilia Mary (Baikie) Gardiner (1793-1870)

Cecilia Mary Baikie was a half-sister of Francis Forster (1771-1835), Philippa Irnham Forster Burton Baikie (1775-1823) and Frances Maria Forster (1775-1823). They were all children of Mary Edwards, but Cecilia's father was Hugh Baikie, whom Mary married after the death of William Forster, who was the father of Francis, Philippa and Frances. Cecilia Mary married Charles Gardiner on October 13, 1812 at St. Marylebone, Middlesex, with the consent of her father Hugh Baikie. She lived until early 1870.

Hugh Baikie

Widow Mary (Edwards) Forster married Hugh Baikie, Esq. on January 18, 1780 at St. Leonard, Deal, Kent. At the time of the marriage Hugh Baikie was a Royal Navy Commander, soon to be promoted to Captain.

Hugh was born about 1739, probably in the Orkney Islands and probably to Thomas Baikie and his wife Sicilia Graeme (who married on December 2, 1728 in Kirkwall & St. Ola Parish). Hugh's birth year is derived from his death record (age 77 when buried on July 27, 1816 in Welwyn, Hertfordshire). Hugh's siblings were Thomas, Mungo, Elizabeth (Groat) and Mary (Webster).



Hugh and Mary Baikie had three children who died young (Mary: 1781-1782); Cecilia: 1782-1785; and Hugh: 1783-1783). They were buried at Sholden St. Nicholas near Deal. Their baptisms were at St. Leonard, Deal. (Fn 1)

Hugh and Mary had Cecilia Mary in late 1792 and baptized her on December 13, 1792 at St. Nicholas in Tooting Graveney, Surrey. (Fn 2)

Hugh made a career in the Royal Navy: Hugh Baikie: Lieutenant 22 Jan 1761; Commander 9 Dec 1777; Captain 19 Feb 1780; and Superannuated (too old for active duty) 1799. (Fn 3)

Lieutenant Hugh Baikie was involved in the transportation of Guards and Hessian troops to North America from Bremerleke (now the Bremerhaven, Germany area) in 1776. (Fn 4)

<p>London, February 28, 1784.</p> <p><i>Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Crews of His Majesty's Ships Dunkirk, John Milligen, Esq; Fairy Sloop, Hugh Baikie, Esq; Thunder Bomb, J. Wallace, Esq; Terror Bomb, Charles Wood, Esq; Ranger Sloop, J. Reynolds, Esq; who were actually on Board at the Capture of the Neutral Vessel Margareta Jaccha by the Dunkirk in November, 1779, that they will be paid the respective Shares of Prize Money on Saturday the 27th of March next, at the Castle, in Mark-lane; where the Recalls will be held the First Saturday in every Month for Three Years to come, or further Notice.</i></p> <p>G. Heathcote, London, } Agents for Majority of G. Lawrance, Deal, } Captors.</p>	<p>London, February 28, 1784.</p> <p><i>Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Crews of His Majesty's Ships Dunkirk, John Milligen, Esq; Fairy Sloop, Hugh Baikie, Esq; Thunder Bomb, J. Wallace, Esq; Terror Bomb, Charles Wood, Esq; Zephyr Sloop; J. Inglis, Esq; Ranger Sloop, J. Reynolds, Esq; who were actually on Board at the Capture of the Neutral Vessel Christina Margareta by the Dunkirk in December, 1779, that they will be paid their respective Shares of Prize Money on Saturday the 27th of March next, at the Castle, Mark-lane; where the Recalls will be held the First Saturday in every Month for Three Years to come, or further Notice.</i></p> <p>G. Heathcote, London, } Agents for Majority of G. Lawrance, Deal, } Captors.</p>
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The two *London Gazette* notices (issue of March 2-6, 1784) reported that Hugh Baikie and his crew captured two ships in 1779 and became entitled to prize money.

Captain Hugh Baikie served in the Margate *impress* service in 1780 and 1782 and about the same years was also Captain of the ship *Ranger*. (Fn 5)

On June 16, 1786 Charles Francis Forster of Low Buston gave a release agreement to Hugh Baikie of Deal and his wife Mary (administratrix of Francis Forster (father of C. F. Forster) and also administratrix of William Forster). (Fn 6)

Hugh's step-son Francis Forster was married in Margate in 1792.

In 1794 Hugh Baikie, at Statenborough (northeast of Eastry, and not far from Deal), wrote a letter to banker Francis Cobb of Margate. He reported that men commanded by Baikie were engaged in pressing men into naval service. There was reference to the French Fleet. Historical records show that in late May and early June of 1794 the British were heavily engaged with the French as part of the Napoleonic Wars. (Fn 7)

In 1795 Hugh's step-daughter Frances Maria Forster was married in Eastry Parish near Statenborough. His step-daughter Philippa Forster was married in 1797 at St. Pancras Old Church, London. Hugh witnessed both marriages. Also, in 1812, Philippa married, as a second marriage, Hugh's nephew James Baikie.

Mary Baikie died in August 1800 and was buried on August 31, 1800 at Sholden St. Nicholas (*Mary wife of Captain Hugh Backie*).

On December 14, 1815 Hugh Baikie of Newman Street, St. Marylebone, made his Last Will and Testament. It identified Lady Burton, wife of Hugh's nephew James Baikie; her sister Mrs. Frances Forster, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Forster; sister in law, widow of Mr. Mungo Baikie; her daughter Mrs. Rhind, widow of Mr. Rhind; Hugh's niece Mrs. Anderson, wife of the Reverend Mr. Anderson of St Fergus by Peter Road in Scotland; Miss Elizabeth Groat, daughter of Hugh's sister Mrs. Groat; and Hugh's daughter Cecilia Mary Gardiner, wife of Charles Gardiner. *Hugh Baikie, 27 July 1816, age 77, buried at Welwyn St. Mary, Hertfordshire (Anglican)*. His Last Will and Testament was proved on August 7, 1816. (Fn 8)

Mungo Baikie's widow was Rachel (Sloass) Baikie. Mungo and she were married on December 23, 1758 at Westminster St. James, Middlesex. Witnesses were Robt. Groat and Chas. Fouace. Mungo, purser of *HMS Lizard*, made his Will on June 26, 1783 in Portsmouth. He had a house on Orange Street in Leicester Fields (probably now Leicester Square) in London. Mungo and Rachel had at least six children. One was James (who would marry Philippa, daughter of William and Mary Forster); and another was Peggy, born in 1763 in London, who married William Rhind (Master R.N.) in 1791 in Westminster, London, and died in 1849 in Herefordshire. (Fn 9)

William Rhind, while serving on *HMS Barfleur*, acted as instructor in navigation to the Duke of Clarence. The Duke became King William IV (1830-1837). William and Peggy Rhind had sons Clarence (named after the Duke) in 1792 and William Graeme in 1794. Clarence Rhind was a long time Clerk in the Chatham naval dockyard, and Capt. William G. Rhind had a distinguished naval career and after retirement became a founder and pioneer of the Plymouth Brethren. (Fn 10)

Footnotes:

1. St. Leonard, Deal and Sholden St. Nicholas parish registers.
2. Film #7541433 (image 495 of 861) at familysearch.org for the Parish of Tooting (Graveney) St. Nicholas, Surrey (transcription of H.N. Peyton): p. 53, list of 1793 baptisms – “Dec 13 (1792?) Bakie, Maria (parents not listed)(birth date not listed).”
3. *The Commissioned Sea Officers of the Royal Navy, 1660-1815*, p. 185, edited by Syrett and DiNardo, published by Scholar Press for the Navy Records Society, 1994.
4. Admiralty records: Bound-Out letters in ADM 354/191 p. 294 and p. 336.
5. *Sailing Navies (a website)*; ADM 106/1255/278; and 1782 Steel's *Original and Correct List of the Royal Navy*, p. 25.
6. Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries in Newcastle Upon Tyne, Third Series, p. 62, Vol. IX (Jan. 1919 to Dec. 1920), Robert Blair editor; printed by Titus Wilson & son, Highgate, KKNDAL, 1921.
7. Cobb Papers EK/U1453, held by the Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone.
8. Will of Hugh Baikie, at PCC PROB 11/1583/96.
9. Will of Mungo Baikie, at PCC PROB 11/1107/350.
10. Mrs. Muriel (Carden) Aboul-Atta of Winnipeg, Canada - emails in 2012.



King William IV
(the Sailor King)



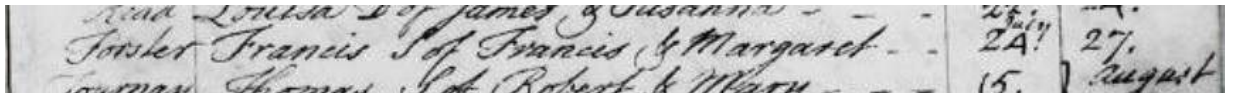
1782: The Battle of the Saints, painted by Thomas Whitcombe in 1783. HMS Barfleur with red flags, under Rear-Admiral Sir Thomas Hood. Painting is in the public domain.

10. Siblings of Charles Francis Forster (of chapter 4)

Charles Francis Forster had eleven brothers and sisters, of whom six lived until adulthood and are described in this chapter.

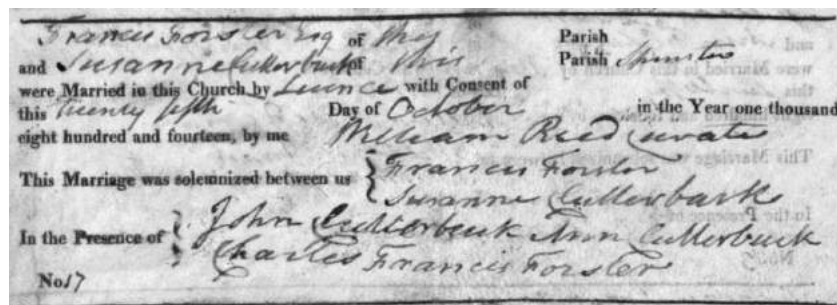
Francis Forster (1793-1844)

Francis Forster was born to Francis and Margaret (Salter) Forster on July 24, 1793, probably in St. Peter-in-Thanel, Kent, and baptized three days later at St. John the Baptist in nearby Margate.



He was raised in the village of St. Peter-in-Thanel until 1807 when the family moved to Northumberland House in Margate.

On October 25, 1814 Francis Forster married Susanne Clutterbuck in the Warkworth St. Laurence parish church in Northumberland, by licence. Brother Charles Francis Forster was a witness. (Fn 1) Susanne was born May 3, 1793 and baptized December 2, 1793 at Warkworth St. Laurence. Her father was Jno Clutterbuck Esq. (Fn 2)



Francis and Susanne Forster resided at Low Buston in Warkworth Parish until 1818, when the Low Buston estate was sold by Francis' father. Francis and Susanne then moved to Chillingham Barns (near Bamburgh Castle, Northumberland. (Fn 3)

On December 24, 1827 Francis Forster wrote a letter from Chillingham Barns to the Cobb Bank in Margate apologizing for non-payment of a promissory note and requesting forbearance until late January in 1828. An image of the letter is in the Appendix. (Fn 4)

On October 5, 1839, at Lesbury Parish, Francis and Susanne's daughter Ann Margaret Forster married Robert Adams. (Fn 5)

In the 1841 census for the Township of Acton & Old Fenton, Northumberland (Alnwick Union): Susanna Forster, 40, of independent means, and Forster children John, 16; and Richard, 5, resided in the Robert and Ann Margaret (Forster) Adams household.

Mary Anne Frances (Fanny) Forster was the last child born to Susanna and Francis (in late 1834 and baptized in Warkworth parish on January 4, 1835), and in the 1841 census she was living in the household of spinster aunts Ann and Margaret Clutterbuck in Warkworth. (Fn 6)

Francis FORSTER (b.1793-St. Peter, Isle of Thanet, Kent d.1844-Acton, Northumberland)

- sp: Susanna CLUTTERBUCK (b.1793 m. 1814 d.1870)
 - Francis John FORSTER (b.1815-Warkworth Parish, Northumberland d.North America)
 - Anne Margaret FORSTER (b.1817-Warkworth Parish, Northumberland d.1900-A, , Northumberland)
 - sp: Robert ADAMS (b.1818-Acton Hall, FP, Northumberland m. 1839 d.1860-, , Northumberland)
 - George William FORSTER (r.1819-Chillingham Parish, Northumberland d.1837-Dublin, Ireland)
 - Eliza Mary FORSTER (r.1822-Warkworth Register d.)
 - Charles Francis FORSTER (r.1824-Chillingham Register d.Chillingham Barns, Northumberland)
 - John Clutterbuck FORSTER (r.1826-Chillingham Register d.1899-Petersham, Sydney, N, Australia)
 - sp: Elizabeth Jane Weatherly RICHARDSON (b.1829-N, Northumberland m. 1850)
 - Susanne FORSTER (b.1828-Chillingham Barns, Northumberland d.CB, Northumberland)
 - Richard FORSTER (b.1832-South Charlton Hall, Northumberland d.1893-Warkworth)
 - sp: Margaret Wight BINKS (b.1843-QBR, Lancashire m. 1863 d.1874-QWDR, Lancashire)
 - sp: Mary Elizabeth HATHAWAY (b.1853-QBR, Somerset m. 1875 u.1938-AC, Liverpool)
 - Mary Anne Fanny FORSTER (r.1835-Warkworth Parish, Northumberland d.1916-D, Warkworth)

On May 12, 1844, Francis Forster made his last Will and Testament. He left all his property to his *beloved wife Susan Forster* and made her his sole executrix and residuary legatee. Witnesses were James Crisp, Martha Richardson and Jane Handerson. (Fn 7) He died May 15, 1844 at Acton, Northumberland; he was buried at Ellingham. (Fn 8) His Will was proved at Durham on April 20, 1845 by Susanne Forster.

In 1850 Francis and Susanne's son John C. Forster emigrated to Melbourne, Victoria (now Australia). On December 15, 1850 John married Elizabeth Jane W. Richardson of Melbourne St. Peters. (Fn 9) (Fn 10) (Fn 11) (Fn 12)

In the 1851 Warkworth census, widow Susanne Forster was reported as a visitor, 57, annuitant, born Warkworth, residing in the home of Charlotte Grieve, unmarried, 59, born South Durham. Ten years later Susanne, 68, widow, was a visitor in the Warkworth home of Mary A. Clutterbuck, 66, born Felton House, Durham.

In 1863 Francis and Susanne's son Richard Forster (a sailor residing with his sister Ann Margaret Adams in 1861) married Margaret Wight Binks in Warkworth Parish. (Fn 13)

Susanne Forster died on February 7, 1870 at Warkworth. Her Will was proved on April 12 by nephew Thomas Clutterbuck and daughter Mary Ann Fanny Forster. (Fn 14)

Footnotes:

1. Marriage record image from Durham University Library, archive reference: DDR/EA/PBT/2/262/130, from FindMyPast.
2. Baptism record image from Durham University Library, archive reference: DDR/EA/PBT/2/262/65, from FindMyPast; birth date from *A History of Northumberland*, p. 460, Vol. V, The Parish of Warkworth (also Shilbottle and Brainshaugh), by John Crawford Hodgson; Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Andrew Reid & Company, Limited, 1899.
3. Locations determined from children's baptism records at Warkworth St. Laurence and Chillingham St. Peter.
4. Cobb Papers EK/U1453/133/15/680, formerly at East Kent Archives, and now at Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone.
5. Ann Margaret Forster was baptized on June 22, 1817 at Warkworth Parish in Northumberland. She and her husband Robert Adams of Acton Hall in Felton Parish had one child, Jane Eliza Adams, on February 19, 1840; the 1841 census for Action & Old Fenton (Alnwick Union) reported Robert Adams, 20, of independent means; wife Ann, 20; Jane, 1; Susanna Forster, 40, John Forster, 16; Richard Forster, 5; and three servants; Jane Eliza married Robert Shout Douglas on June 28, 1865 in Felton Parish and had five daughters. Will of Francis Forster, at Durham Diocese DPRI/2/53 (image 235 of 709, film #004087229 at familysearch.org). Ann Margaret's husband Robert Adams died in 1860; "Sacred to the memory of Robert Adams, esq., of Acton-hall, born 18th July, 1818, died 24th October, 1860." [Source: Monumental Inscriptions of Felton Parish Church Cemetery, p. 276-78, vol. 7, *A History of Northumberland*, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Andrew Reid & Co. Ltd, 1904.] Ann Margaret Adams died in 1900 (death registration in fourth quarter 1900, Alnwick R.D., 10b, 281).
6. In the 1861 census Mary A. F. Forster was with aunt Ann Clutterbuck. In the 1871 census she was with a cousin, retired Indian Army Lieut. General Walter J. Browne, at Deal Hill in Warkworth Parish. In 1881 she was with her brother Richard Forster and wife in Whitley, Northumberland. By then, Richard, a master mariner, had retired from the merchant shipping life. In the 1891, 1901 and 1911 censuses Mary was in Warkworth Parish, in her own household. She died at age 83 in 1916 (death registration, fourth quarter, 1916, Alnwick R.D., 10b 564).
7. Northeast Inheritance Database of Durham University; and death registration: 2nd qtr, 1844, Alnwick R.D., 25, 154.
8. *A History of Northumberland*, p. 228, Fn 2.
9. Baptism record at Chillingham Barns, Northumberland for John Clutterbuck Forster, son of Francis & Susanne of Chillingham Barns, on Nov. 22, 1826; he was born Sept. 1, 1826, according to *A History of Northumberland*, p. 228, Fn 2. He married Elizabeth Jane Weatherly Richardson in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia; Elizabeth was born on April 12, 1829 to Moses Aaron and Annette (Boucher) Richardson of Newcastle-upon-

Tyne and she was baptized on May 13, 1829 at Newcastle St. Andrews, Northumberland; John and Elizabeth had eleven children in or near Prahran in the Melbourne area over the years 1851-1874; “The Richardson's of Bendigo were also prominent citizens of Prahran/Toorak. The following is taken from my research of the patriarch of this family, Moses Aaron Richardson (1793-1871): Most of Moses Richardson's siblings were Artists in the North East of England, with brother Thomas being a noted English Landscape Artist. Moses himself was a printer, frame maker, publisher and an author of several historical books. By the 1820's, he had a shop conducting this business at the corner of Blakett Street and Pilgrim Street in Newcastle upon Tyne in England. He later moved to Grey Street about 1835. Moses had a large wood carved mask of the River-God, Tyne, above his shop door, that was reproduced from a copper engraving of the same one adorning Somerset House in London in 1786. Moses in doing this had revived the practice of early English printers and booksellers putting this mask above the shop door, and [he] took it to his new shop in 1835. The mask remained above the shop door after Moses emigrated to Victoria in 1850. (barterbooks.co.uk).

10. “The late Joseph Crook, writing of Prahran in 1849, describes the place as 'a dense bush of big trees, full of birds, kangaroos, opossums and wild fowl, with no roads. From the inlet of the present drain at the railway bridge over the Yarra at Motherwell-street was a swamp thickly covered with tea-tree, while from the upper part of Chapel-street, from High-street to St. Kilda, was a thick wattle scrub. Mount Erica was covered with heath, from which it derives its name.” (*History of Prahran* by John Butler Cooper, revised edition 1924, p. 28.)
11. John C. Forster was an investor in a gold mining venture located at Harrietville, near Melbourne, but he and his family remained in Melbourne. (Michael J. Mecham, researcher in New South Wales, via email exchanges.) The Forster family moved to Sydney in New South Wales between 1875 and 1879. Daughter Ada died in Melbourne in 1874 and daughter Fanny Edith in 1875; wife Elizabeth died in Sydney in 1879. John C. Forster died at Leominsterville, Palace-street, Petersham (in the Sydney area) on February 27, 1899, according to a death notice of March 11, 1899 in the Sydney *Morning Herald* placed by his niece and nephew, Elizabeth M. Richardson and her husband John W. Coe.) The notice said that John, *a colonist of 49 years*, had been born in Alnwick, Northumberland, the fourth son of Francis Forster of Buston Vale and Alnmouth. John's death was recorded in NSW as John C. Forster #2992/1899. He was buried in Rookwood Cemetery. A full transcription of John Clutterbuck Forster's death record was obtained from Joy Murrin – Transcription Agent in Oatley NSW. John' occupation was “gardener.” He was 71 and died of Syncope, Morbis Cordis, Senile Atrophy. Informant: Thos. E. Hall, nephew, 23 Palace Street, Petersham. The death was registered on Feb. 17, 1899 in Petersham. John was buried on Feb. 28, 1899 at CofE Rookwood Cemetery. Minister F. C. Williams. Length of time in colony: 48 yrs in Australia viz. 25 yrs Victoria, 22 yrs NSW. Married at age 22 in Melbourne to Elizabeth Jane Richardson. Children: Annie, 45, Horace, 37, and five others deceased.

12. John's spinster daughter Annie Frances Forster, 66, died in 1918 in Fitzroy South, Melbourne registration district, but his son Horace Forster had several wives and children. He married Elizabeth Collins, and their children were Dorothy Zeno (three husbands), and Eileen Beatrice May (who married James A. Asprey in 1899). Horace also married Mary Elizabeth M'Lear in 1902 but this marriage was annulled in 1912. On Nov. 15, 1912 the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported, as news from Melbourne: "The case was brought by Mary Elizabeth M'Lear, 28, otherwise known as Forster, of Park-street, North Fitzroy, against Horatio Clutterbuck Forster. The parties, it was stated, went through the form of marriage at Melbourne in October, 1902. Petitioner subsequently became aware that Forster was married on July 30, 1883, at the Glebe, Sydney, and that his wife was living at the time [she and Forster married in 1902]. Forster admitted that at the time of the second ceremony that he believed his wife was dead." A 1924 Melbourne directory listed Horace Forster at 7 King William Street. (Fn 18) He died in Melbourne in 1928. (Fn 19) Horace's remains were buried on Feb. 13, 1928 at Boroondara General Cemetery, Boroondara City, Victoria, according to FindAGrave. Death Certificate #3550: Horace Forster died on Feb. 11, 1928. He resided at 7 King William Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne; he was 67 when he died at the Albert Ward of Alfred Hospital in Melbourne, and was a laborer, probably retiring as an old age pensioner at 65; he had a heart condition and was treated for one month before he died; Dr. Keogh saw him last on the day he died; his father was a draper. *Melbourne Argus* of Feb. 13, 1928: "FORSTER.--On the 11th February, at the Alfred Hospital, Horace C., dearly beloved husband of Mary Forster, and loved father of Eileen Beatrice (Mrs. Asprey) and Dollie (Mrs. J. Ritza, of Sydney)." [Note: Daughter Beatrice's death certificate in 1946 stated that her father was a cab driver; the informant was Beatrice's husband.]
13. Richard Forster, captain in the merchant service, born at South Charlton; died at Warkworth, 27th May, 1893, aged 61, s.p. [married] Margaret, daughter of C. Binks of London; mar. at Warkworth; died in Liverpool, Oct., 1873; bur. in Smithwhite Road cemetery [and second married] Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Edwin Hathaway of Liverpool; married at church of St. John the Divine, Liverpool, 16th Dec., 1875. No children were listed. [Source: *A History of Northumberland*, p. 228, Fn 2.]
14. 1870 National Probate Calendar.

John Forster (1798-1875)

John Forster, the third son of Francis and Margaret Forster, was born on August 5, 1798, and baptized on September 1, 1798 at St. Peter-in-Thanel parish church. He was raised in the village of St. Peter-in-Thanel until 1807 when the family moved to Northumberland House in Margate. John became a bank clerk with Carr, Glynn & Co. in London. His father mentioned in several letters that his banker was the Carr, Glynn firm. (Fn 1)

On Oct. 1, 1828 John Forster married Grace Louisa Wood. [Grace was born in Clerkenwell, Middlesex on November 16, 1803 and baptized on January 4, 1804 by her parents Thomas and Honour Wood at St. Luke Old Street, Finsbury, London. Her sister, Honour, married Charles Gale in 1818.]

The 1841 census for Lambeth, Surrey, at Walsingham Place: John Forster, 42, clerk; Grace, 8; Philippa, 6; Fanny, 4; and Mary Rose, 22, servant. His daughter Honour was with her grandmother Margaret Forster in Margate. Wife Grace was left out of the 1841 census.

By 1849 Glyn, Mills & Co (successor to Carr, Glynn) was conducting an enormous business; Bankers' Magazine commented that 'a half a million sterling was said to be no uncommon sum for the Bank to settle at the Clearing House of an afternoon'. (Fn 2)

In the 1851 census for Lambeth, Surrey, at No. 1 Walsingham Place: John Forster, 52, bankers clerk, born Isle of Thanet; wife Grace, 46, born Clerkenwell; and five children born in Lambeth: Honour, 19; Grace, 18; Philippa, 16; Fanny, 13; & John, 8.

Daughter Grace Forster married William Brookes on April 12, 1856 at St. George the Martyr in Surrey. Brookes was a merchant clerk. (Fn 3)

Philippa Forster married Charles Augustus Witts on April 24, 1860 at Lambeth St. Mary's in Surrey. Charles was a banker's clerk. (Fn 4)

In the 1861 census for Lambeth, Surrey, at No. 2 Walsingham Place, John and Grace Forster, with children Honour, Fanny and John.

On October 10, 1863 at Lambeth St. Mary, Honour Forster married William Cannon Randall, a clerk in the Adjutant General's Office whose father William was a gentleman. Witnesses were John Forster and Fanny Forster. (Fn 5)

John Forster's wife, Grace Louisa, died in 1867. (Fn 6)

In the 1871 census for 55 Kennington Rd, Lambeth, Surrey: John Forster, 72, widower, retired bankers clerk; daughter Fanny, 32; son John, 27, idiot from birth; and a servant. (Fns 7 & 8)

John Forster, 76, died on April 6, 1875 in Lambeth at 55 Kennington-road. His Will of June 24, 1883 was proved on May 12, 1875 by William Brookes and Charles Augustus Witts, gentlemen and executors. John directed that his estate be used to support his son John for life, and then it was to be divided into four parts for his other children and the children of a deceased daughter. (Fn 9)

Footnotes:

1. *A History of Northumberland*, p. 228, Vol. V, The Parish of Warkworth (also Shilbottle and Brainshaugh), by John Crawford Hodgson; Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Andrew Reid & Company, Limited, 1899; and history of the Glyn, Mills, and Co. private banking house in London, at p. 65, *A Handbook of London Bankers*, by F.G. Hilton Price, 1890-1; London: The Leadenhall Press, E.C.]
2. *A Handbook of London Bankers*, Fn 1; and Wikipedia.
3. The 1871 census for 135 Lower Kennington Road, Lambeth, Surrey reported William Brook as a clerk in a public company; on August 9, 1880 Grace Brookes (of 266 Camberwell New Road) gave an affidavit concerning the true identity of her first cousin, Francis Forster (pseudonym Charles Smith); in the 1881 census for Camberwell, Surrey, daughter Mary Brookes, 23, was an English teacher, and her sister Grace, 21, was unemployed; the Brookes' family, in 1891 lived at 238 Camberwell North, and the unmarried daughters still lived with their parents; William Brookes was reported as feeble-minded in 1901, and he died in 1903 at age 72; and his wife Grace died on August 11, 1907 at Wandsworth Common, Surrey.
4. Charles and Philippa Witts lived at 1 Camden Grove in Camberwell, Surrey in 1861; daughter Ellen Philippa Witts was born in 1861 in Peckham (she married commercial clerk Walter Alan Bois in 1885); son Charles Forster Witts was born in 1863 in Peckham (he married Fanny Sophia Gurr in 1887 in Camberwell (the marriage record said he and his father were gentlemen) and they had at least two children; daughter Alice Witts was born in 1866 in Peckham (she married Stanley F. Denny in 1890 at Camberwell St. John), and they had two children and lived in Streatham, London where he was a bank clerk; Philippa Witts died in 1867 at Camberwell of Bright's Disease; and widower Charles Witts married Rebecca Darby in 1875, and died in 1910.
5. William and Honour Randall baptized son William Forster Randall on March 28, 1866 at Lambeth St. Mary; in 1871 they lived on Croxley Green, Watford, Hertfordshire and the census reported William Randall, age 48, as superannuated clerk and Horse Guards' officer; William Randall died in Watford in 1875; in 1876 Honour Randall married portrait artist Frederick Clode in Watford; in the 1881 census for 13 Sotheron Road, Watford, the Frederick and Honour Clode family included William F. Randall, 15; sister-in-law Fanny Forster, 43; and brother-in-law John Forster, 49).
6. Death registration for Grace Forster, third quarter 1867 Lambeth R.D., 1d, 195.
7. Frances (Fanny) Forster did not marry; in 1881 she resided with her sister Honour Clode (Fn 5); in the 1891 census Fanny was a lodger in Margate, Kent *living on her own means*, and in 1901 was a lodger in Ramsgate not far from Margate; Fanny was most likely the *Miss Forster* who met my great uncle Frank Forster in Margate and told him that she had met Frank's father Francis Forster (1835-1883); Fannie Forster died at age 72 in 1909 in or near Margate.

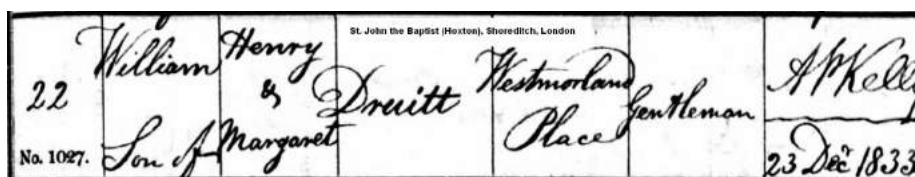
8. John Forster, mentally impaired from birth, was last seen in the 1881 census with his sister Honour Clode (Fn 5); his death record has not been located, nor was he found in any census after 1881.
9. Death registration for John Forster, second quarter 1875, Lambeth R.D., 1d, 250.

Margaret Frances (Forster) Druitt (1802-1854)

Margaret Frances was born to Francis and Margaret (Salter) Forster on October 5, 1802 and baptized on Dec. 9, 1802 at St. Peter-in-Thamet. She was raised in the village of St. Peter-in-Thamet until 1807 when the family moved to Northumberland House in Margate.

Margaret married Henry Druitt on August 15, 1831 at St. John the Baptist in Margate. (Fn 1)

Margaret and Henry Druitt baptized son Henry Percy Druitt on September 26, 1832 at St. John the Baptist, Shoreditch, Middlesex. Son William Druitt was baptized at the same location on January 22, 1834 (the baptism record shows a birth date of December 23, 1833), and then son Edward Percy Druitt was baptized on May 12, 1836 at Old Church, St. Pancras, London (the baptism record shows a birth date of April 18, 1836).



In the 1841 census for Myddelton Square, Parish of St. James Clerkenwell, Middlesex: Henry Druitt (indexed as Drust), 40, clerk banking house, not born Middlesex; Margaret, 39, not born Middlesex; Harriet, 42; William, 7; Edward Percy, 5; and two servants. The oldest son, Henry, 8, was enumerated in the census for Christ's Hospital boys' school in Hertfordshire.

Mr. Henry Druitt, London, banker [was the lessee] of property on Parchment Street in Winchester on April 7, 1843. The lease included a garden and another plot used as a garden and as a stonemason's yard. Henry surrendered the lease on July 1, 1861. (Fn 2)

In the 1851 census, the Druitt family resided in Islington Parish, Middlesex, on Mountford Crescent: Henry Druitt, 50, stock broker, born Winchester, Hampshire; and Margaret, wife, 48, born Isle of Thanet, Kent; also two visitors named Rawlings, 19 and two servants. Also in 1851, son Henry P. (indexed Druith), 19, clerk, resided at 66 Margaret street, Lothbury, Middlesex at the residence of John Bozer, 68, clerk; and son William Druitt, 17, printer's apprentice to Henry Woolridge, master printer, at St. Peter-Cheesehill in Winchester, Hampshire. The third son was not found in the 1851 census.

Margaret (Forster) Druitt died in early 1854. (Fn 3)

Henry Druitt made his last Will and Testament on January 3, 1859. He left £300 to his sister Caroline and £1000 to his son William. He left his personal property to his sons Henry Percy and William to be shared equally, and the residue of the estate to Henry Percy. He appointed William as sole Executor. The Will was proved on February 10, 1862.

In the 1861 census for Islington Parish, Middlesex: Henry Druitt, 60, stock share broker, and son Henry P. Druitt, 28, unm, clerk to his father, born City Road, London; and two servants.

In the 1861 census for Margate St. John, Kent, a visitor named William Druitt (indexed Dreuit), 27, curate of Chilcomb, Hants. was at the Emma Pringle residence.

On November 30, 1861, Henry P. Druitt married Annie Yeulett, by licence, at St. John's Church in the District of St. John's Islington, Middlesex. (Fn 4)

In 1862 Henry Druitt died. (Fn 5)

William Druitt married Caroline Reeves in 1864. Their children were Margaret, Percival Reeves (died young), Claud Francis, Arthur Edward, Ada Mary and Cecil Henry. (Fn 6)

William and Caroline's daughter Margaret married Francis Bishop on April 18, 1888 at Clifton St. Andrew the Less, Gloucestershire; in the 1891 census for Clifton, Bristol: Francis Bishop, 45, vicar, born Frome, Somerset; Margaret, 25; and daughter Christine, 2, born Clifton; the later children (births registered at Barton Regis R.D.) were Eric Francis F. in 1891; Kathleen Dorothy in 1893; and Percival Frederick in 1895; the 1901 census placed the family at Torquay, Devon; the 1911 census for Trinity Vicarage, Torquay included Francis Bishop, 64, married 22 years, clerk in holy orders; Margaret, 44; daughter Christable, 22, governess; son Eric, 19, theological student; and two servants; Francis Bishop, age 72, died in 1918 (death registration, third quarter 1918, Newton Abbot (Devon) R.D., 5b, 154; Percival Bishop married Florence Guymmer on September 27, 1923 (Brentford, Middlesex R.D.) and they had sons Ian in 1924 and Michael; Ian married Marian E. Clare Callister in 1950 in Yorkshire, and their daughter married the 19th Baron Herbert in 1975.

William and Caroline's son Claud F. Druitt, 32, was a medical practitioner at Belmont House in Newport Parish, Essex in 1901; he married Eva Matilda Miller in 1907 at Exeter, Devon; they resided at Parkfields, Alvaston, Derby in 1911, and Claude continued as a medical practitioner; there was a daughter Zoe born in 1911; "Dr. Claud Francis Druitt, of Walton-by-Clevedon, Somerset, died suddenly at his home on April 11 at the age of 77. Dr. Druitt was a student at the Royal Hospital and University College, Bristol, where he qualified in 1896. He was assistant house-physician and later casualty officer at the Bristol General Hospital before settling in general practice in Derby. After he had been in practice there for thirty years he retired and went to live in Somerset. He had been on the town council at Derby for several years and was a lay reader at St. Mary's Church, Boulton. F.G.B. writes: He was much loved at Clevedon. He was vicars' warden at Christ Church, where he will be sadly missed. He was

deeply interested in home and foreign missions and was ever ready to lend a hand in helping them. A great lover of nature, he was an accomplished ornithologist, and during his lifetime made a large collection of British birds and insects, which he presented to Halesowen Grammar School. He gave talks on nature subjects to children at schools and started a nature club for boys. Claud Druitt was a great Christian and he left a deep impression on those who knew and loved him.” (Obituary from p. 829, *British Medical Journal*, June 7, 1947.)

“The Grand Priory in the British Realm of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. Chancery of the Order, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London, E.C.1. 18th June, 1954. The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to sanction the following Promotions in, and Appointments to, the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem: ... As Serving Sisters - Zoe Dorothea, Miss Druitt.” (The *London Gazette* of June 25, 1954, pp. 3757-3759.)

The death of Eva M. Druitt, 92, was registered in the fourth quarter of 1962 at the Weston R.D. in Somerset.

William and Caroline's son Arthur served abroad; “Druitt.--On June 11, 1956, Arthur Edward Druitt, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., of Sway, Hants, late of Nigeria, aged 85” (p. 1555, *Medical News*, *British Medical Jnl.* June 30, 1956).

William and Caroline's daughter Ada did not marry; in the 1911 census for Fairlee Lodge, Torquay (ten rooms), Devonshire, signed by Ada M. Druitt: H. Jean Turner, head partner, widow, gentlewoman, born Hammersmith; Ada Mary Druitt, daughter (*sic*), 37, single, gentlewoman, born Stockbridge, Hants; Marguerite Mabel J. Lee, visitor, 29, single, gentlewoman, born Hyderabad, India (Brit subj by parentage); and two servants; Ada M. Druitt died, aged 72, in 1945 (death registration, third quarter 1945, Southampton, Hampshire, R.D., 2c, 43).

William and Caroline's son Cecil became a beloved minister in New South Wales; in the 1911 census for Upton Vicarage, Birkenhead, Cheshire (ten rooms): Cecil Henry Druitt, 36, married six years, clerk in Holy Orders, born Crawley, Hants; wife Eleanor Law Druitt, 31, no children, born Islington, London; mother Caroline Druitt, 66, widow; and a servant.

“The Bishop of Grafton and Armidale (NSW) has appointed Rev. Cecil Druitt, R.D., Vicar of Upton (Overchurch), Birkenhead, as Bishop-Coadjutor, and the appointment has been confirmed by the Bishops of the Province. Mr. Druitt is a graduate of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, B.A., (first class Theological Tripos) 1897, Mason and Jeremie Prizes, and first-class Theol. Trip, part II (Hebrew Prize) 1898, M.A. 1901, D.D. 1908, Ridley-hall, Cambridge, 1897, deacon 1898, curate of Christ Church, Torquay, 1898-1900, Theological and Hebrew lecturer, Church Missionary College, Islington, 1900-2, rector of St. Bride's, Stretford, 1902-10, now Vicar of Upton and lecturer St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead. He is said to be decidedly a live man, a good organizer, with good gifts as a speaker and preacher,

and well fitted by temperament for the give and take of Australian life.” (Clarence and Richmond *Examiner*, Grafton, Thursday 30 March 1911.)

The Druitt's arrived in Australia aboard the *SS Ascanius* (Index to Australian Unassisted Inward Passengers: Rev & Mrs. C. Druitt, age 31, July 31, 1911).

“Cecil H. Druitt, Bishop. Armidale, Feb. 12, 1914. The Telegraph says:--Bishop Druitt, who will be one of the youngest members of the Australian Episcopacy, came from England two years ago, and has spent the interval chiefly in a successful effort to raise the endowment fund for the new diocese. At the last Synod of Grafton and Armidale it was announced that the full amount had been received, together with sufficient for preliminary expenses. That this result was largely due to the personality of the Bishop is generally agreed, and the same influence is likely to prove a big factor in the work associated with his new position. He is known as a man of deep spiritual character, a forceful preacher, an able Bible student, and with an especial personal attraction amongst men. The latter was particularly manifest in connection with his tour of the Diocese. He has a strong interest in mission work, having been for some years lecturer in the Church Missionary Society's College at Islington, London, and volunteered for the foreign field, but was debarred by his doctor's orders. At the recent missionary summer school at Austinmer his presidency was a big factor in the remarkable success of the gatherings. The energy, spirituality, and enthusiasm of the new Bishop should make him a big factor in the Church life of the North Coast district.” (Clarence and Richmond *Examiner*, Grafton, New South Wales, Tuesday, February 17, 1914.)

Obituary – “THE LATE BISHOP OF GRAFTON. A NOTABLE CHURCHMAN. By the death of the Right Rev. Cecil Henry Druitt, Bishop of Grafton, which occurred at Grafton on Tuesday, the Church of England loses a brilliant scholar and an indefatigable worker. The late Bishop was wrapped up in the welfare of his diocese, and was largely responsible for its establishment by collecting the greater portion of the bishopric endowment fund. Although he was in a delicate state of health, Dr. Druitt attended Lambeth Conference, but when he returned to Australia a few months ago his condition was serious. Born in England 46 years ago, Dr. Druitt entered Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and took his B.A. in 1897. [Then a recap of his education and positions, as in the 1911 article.] A firm believer in the efficacy of prayer, Dr. Druitt wrote a valuable book on 'The Obligation of Prayer' for the Church of England Men's Society, which has had a wide circulation. A forceful speaker, he was deeply interested in social problems and a keen advocate of all causes tending to the welfare of the community. Dr. Druitt is survived by a widow. The funeral will take place today at Grafton. It is probable that Archdeacon A. B. Tress of Grafton will administer the diocese pending the appointment of a successor to the late Dr. Druitt.” (The Sydney *Morning Herald*, July 28, 1921.)

Footnotes:

1. Henry Druitt was born in Hampshire and baptized at Winchester St. Lawrence on December 30, 1800 by parents William and Jane (Jenny) Druitt. William and Jane had been married at Wimborne Minster, Dorset, on March 21, 1786, by licence. [Montague John Druitt, a Jack-the-Ripper suspect, was the first cousin twice removed of Henry Druitt. Their common ancestors were Sachevral and Sarah (Tory) Druitt. Sachreval Druitt died in 1795 at Wimborne Minster.
2. Records of St. John's Winchester Charity (ref 34M91W).
3. Death registration for Margaret Druitt in first quarter 1854, Islington R.D., 1b, 150; Margaret's sister Frances signed a Codicil to her Will on July 10, 1854, making the children of Henry Druitt contingent devisees/legatees, but the children were not named.
4. The marriage record described both the groom and his father, and the bride's father Silas E. Yeulett, as gentlemen; stockbroker Henry P. Druitt of Crayford, Kent was declared bankrupt on February 23, 1865 (*Reading Mercury* of Feb. 24); Henry's wife Charlotte died in 1865 (second quarter 1865, Islington R.D., 1b, 155); in the 1881 census for Dover, Kent; Henry P. Druitt, widower, 48, accountant's clerk, born Holborn N., London, in the Nathaniel Pay household; Henry died in 1899 (death registration in first quarter 1899, Dover R.D., 2a, 61); he was buried in Charlton-in-Dover Parish on February 10, 1899.
5. Death registration for Henry Druitt in first quarter 1862, Islington R.D., 1b, 147.
6. Marriage registration for William Druitt in third quarter 1864, Winchester R.D., 2c, 167. William was the Rector of Stockbridge from 1867-1881; he baptized four of his children at Stockbridge; in the 1871 census for Stockbridge: William Druitt, 36, rector, born London; Caroline, 26, born Crawley, Hants; Margaret, 4, and Percival R., 3, both born Crawley; and Claude F., 1, born Stockbridge; on July 30, 1880, William vouched for his cousin Francis Forster, who was seeking to prove his true identity; in 1881 the census reported the family on Winchester Road in Stockbridge with William being a *clergyman without care*, and additional children Ada M., 7 and Cecil H., 5, both born Crawley; the Druitts were at 35 Cornwallis Crescent in Clifton (Bristol) in 1891: William, 57, clerk in holy orders; Caroline, 46; Claud Francis, 21, medical student; Arthur Edward, 19, medical student; Cecil Henry, 15, scholar; a visitor and two servants, and Ada, 17 was at Browns Hill Court Boarding School in Painswick, Gloucestershire; William Druitt, 62, died in 1895 (fourth quarter 1895, Barton Regis R.D., 6a, 46) and he was buried in the old churchyard at Stockbridge St. Peter; in 1901 widow Caroline lived in Torquay Parish, Devon with her son Arthur, 29, medical practitioner; and in 1911, widow Caroline was with son Cecil Henry, 36, clerk in holy orders, and his wife at the Upton Vicarage in Birkenhead, Cheshire; Caroline died at age 86 in 1930 near London (fourth quarter 1930, Kingston R.D., 2a, 511) and then was buried with her husband at Stockbridge St. Peter.

Robert Forster (1808-1873)

Robert was born to Francis and Margaret (Salter) Forster on August 16, 1808, and baptized on September 17, 1808 at St. John the Baptist in Margate. He was raised in Margate and lived in Northumberland House with his family.

On August 26, 1832, Robert married Elizabeth Prescott, by license, in the Parish of St. James the Apostle in Dover, Kent. (Fn 1)

Daughter Margaret Ann was born on May 30, 1833 and baptized by Robert and Elizabeth on July 3, 1833 at Dover St. Mary the Virgin. The baptism record showed Robert's occupation as chemist. (Fn 2)

Son Francis William was born on January 18, 1835 and baptized by Robert and Elizabeth on March 18, 1835 at Dover St. Mary. (Fn 2) The baby died on November 1 that year in Margate and was buried on November 8, according to an expense record of Gore Brothers, Margate undertakers. One expense was for *turnpikes*. The burial took place in Guston Parish (where Elizabeth was baptized).

Son Robert Henry was baptized by Robert and Elizabeth on October 19, 1836 at Dover St. Mary. (Fn 3)

In 1839 the Dover *Telegraph* ran an advertisement for Schweppes *soda and aerated waters* and Robert Forster was named as a supplier.

Daughter Philippa Frances was born on May 4, 1839 and baptized by Robert and Elizabeth on June 5, 1839 at Dover St. Mary. (Fn 4)

In the 1841 census, at Castle Street in Dover: Robert Forster, 30, druggist; wife Elizabeth, 30; children Margaret, 8; Robert, 4; Philippa, 2; and two servants.

Son William was born on March 20, 1843 and baptized by Robert and Elizabeth on April 17, 1843 at Dover St. James. (Fn 5)

On Easter Monday in 1843 Robert Forster, chemist, was elected as one of the churchwardens of Dover St. James. (Fn 6)

Daughter Eliza Mary was born on January 19, 1846 and baptized by Robert and Elizabeth on February 15, 1846 at Dover St. James. (Fn 5)

Daughter Maria Elizabeth Prescott Forster was born on March 25, 1849 and baptized by Robert and Elizabeth on May 13, 1849 at Dover St. James. (Fn 5)

In 1850 a Dover *Telegraph* advertisement for patent medicine named Robert Forster.

In the 1851 census, at 4 Castle Street in Dover: Robert Forster, 42, druggist; wife Eliza, 42; Marg Ann, 17; Peggy F., 11, scholar; William, 8, scholar; E. M., 5; M.E.P., 2; Ann Prescott, 8 months, born Guston, visitor; Henry Kingdom, 18, druggist's apprentice; and three servants.

“At the annual election of Assessors and Auditors the out-going officers were all re-elected [including] Revising Assessors: Messrs. Robert Forster and Philip Penn.” (Fn 7)

On December 21, 1854, at Dover St. James, John Hayward, HM Customs, of Youghal, Ireland, married Margaret Ann Forster. (Fn 8)

During 1855 the Parish of St. James sought to raise money for the rebuilding of the parish church. “A great portion of the parish consists of the principal lodging-houses on the sea-side, involving necessarily a shifting population. This does not make the object a less important one, particularly when it is remembered that the existing Church does not meet the requirements of the fixed and permanent Inhabitants, many of whom are prevented from attending their own parish church.” Robert Forster of Castle-street, one of the two churchwardens, was on the fund-raising committee. He donated £5 to the project. (Fn 9)

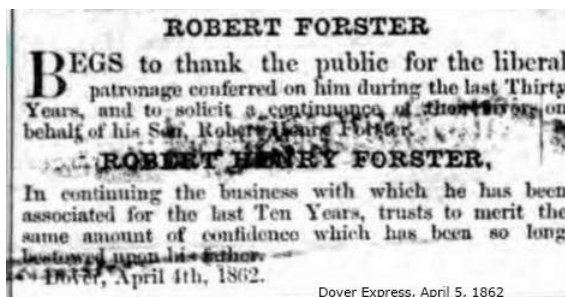
In October 1858 “the Court for revising the burgess lists was held on Wednesday by the Mayor and the Revising Assessors, Messrs. Robert Forster and Philip Penn.” (Fn 10)

ROBERT FORSTER,
DISPENSING AND FAMILY CHEMIST,
CASTLE STREET, DOVER.
Nov 6, 1858 Kentish Gazette

ROBERT FORSTER, Aug. 20, 1859
CHEMIST, &c., Dover Express
CASTLE STREET, DOVER.
GINGER BEER, SODA WATER,
LEMONADE, and all kinds of Mineral and
Tonic Waters.
Superior SALAD CREAM in Bottles, 1s. each.

In December 1860 Mr. Robert Forster, of Castle Street, was chosen foreman of a coroner's inquest jury. (Fn 11)

In the 1861 census, at 4 Castle Street in: Robert Forster, 52, druggist and Ginger Beer proprietor (employs 1 man 2 boys); wife Elizabeth, 53; son Robt Henry, unmarried, 24, Assistant to father; son William, unmarried, 18, Merchant Clerk to father; daughter Eliza Mary, 15; daughter M.E.P., 12; and Jane Nash, unmarried, servant.



At Dover St. James, Robert Henry Forster married Fanny Newport Oct. 20, 1868. (Fn 12)

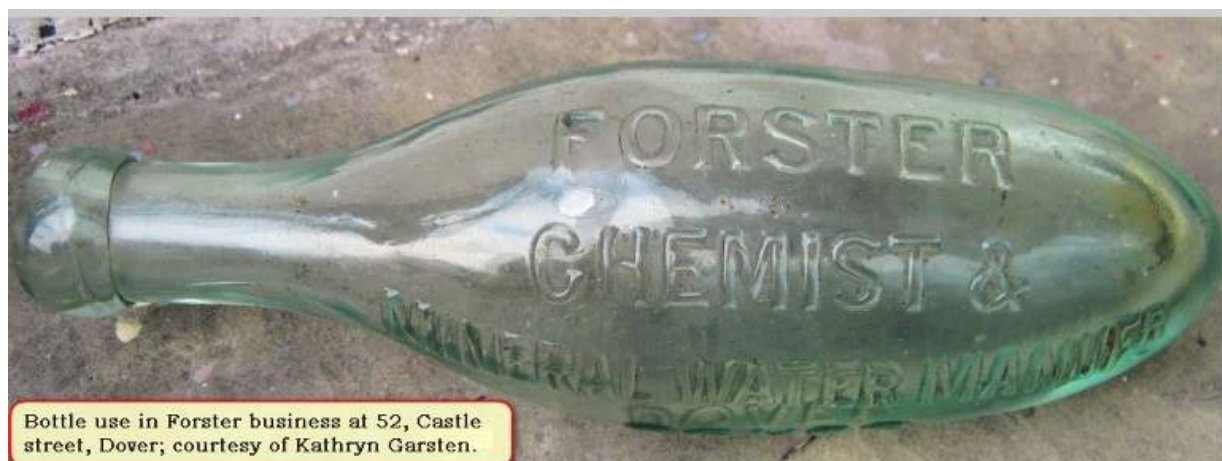
In the 1871 census, at 26 Castle Street in Dover: Robert Forster, 62, druggist; and wife Elizabeth, 63; also an unmarried servant; and also, at 52 Castle Street: Robert Henry Forster, 34, chemist, druggist & soda water, employer of two men and two boys, with wife Fanny, 28, born Elmstead, Kent, and son George Francis, 1, born Dover. (Fn 13)

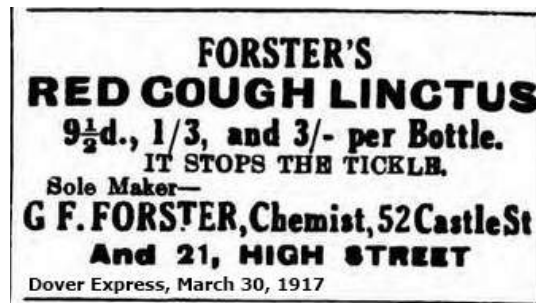
Robert Forster, 64, died in the spring of 1873. (Fn 14)

In the 1881 census, widow Elizabeth Forster, 73, resided with daughter Margaret Hayward and her husband John in Dover. She died soon after the census at age 73. (Fn 15)

Burial records for Robert and Elizabeth could not be located. (Fn 16)

In 1895, Robert Henry and Fanny's son George Francis Forster (grandson of Robert and Elizabeth) married Amanda Henrietta A. Matthaet in London. (Fn 17)





Forster's business at 52 Castle Street became Blakes of Dover, a hotel.

On March 8, 1897, at Dover St. Mary, Robert Henry and Fanny's daughter Roberta Forster (granddaughter of Robert and Elizabeth) married Thomas Charles Agutter, 31, a widower. (Fn 18)

Robert Henry Forster died on February 23, 1901. Probate was granted on March 21 to widow Fanny Forster. Fanny died in 1915. (Fn 19)

In 1903 Robert Henry and Fanny Forster's son Robert Halford Forster (grandson of Robert and Elizabeth) married Mildred H. Jones. Robert was a Shakespearean actor and the manager of a theatrical company, and also taught elocution. (Fn 20)

In 1905 in Dover, Robert Henry and Fanny's daughter Margaret Helen Forster (granddaughter of Robert and Elizabeth) married George Devenish Thomas. (Fn 21)

Footnotes:

1. Elizabeth Prescott was the daughter of William and Ann (Fagg) Prescott of Guston, Kent, a farming area several miles north of Dover; she was baptized on July 6, 1808 at Guston St. Martin of Tours. The marriage records for Dover St. James are images from Canterbury Cathedral Archives, U3/26/1/23 (1813-1837) available on FindMyPast.
2. Baptism records for Dover St. Mary the Virgin, Kent: images from Canterbury Cathedral Archives, U3/30/1/9 (1827-1836) available on FindMyPast.
3. Baptism records for Dover St. Mary the Virgin, Kent: images from Canterbury Cathedral Archives, U3/30/1/10 (1836-1838) available on FindMyPast.
4. Baptism records for Dover St. Mary the Virgin, Kent: images from Canterbury Cathedral Archives, U3/30/1/11 (1838-1848) available on FindMyPast.
5. Baptism records for Dover St. James, Kent; images from Canterbury Cathedral Archives, U3/26/1/7 (1842-1873) available on FindMyPast.
6. *Kentish Gazette*, April 18, 1843.
7. *Kentish Gazette*, March 10, 1855.
8. Marriage records for Dover St. James, Kent; images from Canterbury Cathedral Archives, U3/26/1/15 (1850-1860) available on FindMyPast; in 1861 the Haywards resided at 8 London St., Folkestone St. Mary's; in 1871 they were at Northumberland House in Dover St. Mary's; in 1881, they were at 68 Folkestone Road in Dover, Mr. Hayward was still a Customs' clerk, and widow Elizabeth Forster, 73, and Maria P. Forster, 42, lived with them; Margaret Ann Hayward, 57, died in 1890 (third quarter 1890, Dover R.D., 2a, 529); John Hayward was at 62 Folkestone Road in Dover in 1892, with sister-in-law Maria P. Forster, and in 1893 he married Charlotte Mary Sladden (first quarter 1893, Eastry R.D., 2a, 1164; John, retired Customs' clerk, and Charlotte resided on 26 Radnor Park Road in Dover in 1901.
9. *Kentish Gazette*, October 2, 1855.
10. *Kentish Gazette*, October 9, 1858.
11. *Dover Express*, Dec. 1, 1860.
12. Marriage records for Dover St. James, Kent; images from Canterbury Cathedral Archives, U3/26/1/16 (1860-1870) available on FindMyPast of October 20, 1868 marriage of Robert Henry Forster and Fanny Newport; 1874 and 1878 Trade Directory; In 1881, at 52 Castle Street: Robert H. Forster, 44, chemist with four employees; wife Fanny, 38; and children George F., 11; Margaret H., 5; Roberta, 6; Ann E. 5; and Robert H., 3; at the same address in 1891 were Robert H. Forster, 54, chemist; Fanny, 48; Margaret H., 19, governess; Roberta, 16, milliner's apprentice; Annie E., 15, pupil teacher; and Robert H., 13; Annie Elizabeth died in 1896 (fourth quarter 1896, Dover R.D., 2a, 604); Robert Henry Forster, 63, died in 1901 (first quarter 1901, Dover R.D., 2a, 673 (Fn 19); in 1901 widow Fanny Forster, 58, was operating the chemist business at 52 Castle Street, and daughter Margaret H., 29, secondary teacher, lived there; in 1911 Fanny resided with her daughter Margaret and her husband George Thomas; Fanny, 72, died in 1915 (second quarter 1915, Dover R.D., 2a, 1493).

13. Robert Henry and Fanny Forster baptized their five children at Dover St. James, Kent (and the records included birth dates): George Francis (b Oct 2, 1869; bap Oct 28, 1869); Margaret Helen (b Mar 5, 1872; bap May 8, 1872); Roberta (b Apr 26, 1875; bap by cousin Wm. Druitt, Rector of Stockbridge May 26, 1875; Annie Elizabeth (b Jan 6, 1876; bap Feb 23, 1897); and Robert Halford (b Oct 31, 1877; bap Dec 5, 1877); records from FindMyPast for Canterbury Cathedral Archives – Fn 5 (1842-1873) and U3/26/1/8 (1873-1909); Annie Elizabeth Forster died at age 20 in Dover (death registration Dec. 1896, Dover R.D., 2a, 604).
14. Death registration for Robert Forster, second quarter 1873, Dover R.D., 2a, 473.
15. Death registration for Elizabeth Forster, third quarter 1881, Dover R.D., 21, 491.
16. Dover researcher Dorothy Holden, via email.
17. Marriage registration in third quarter 1895, Kensington, London R.D., 1a, 291 (and marriage on 21 Sept 1895 at All Saints, Notting Hill, London of George Francis Forster and Amanda A.H. Matthaet); George Francis Forster was an assistant chemist in Gloucester in 1891, and in 1901 in Enfield, Middlesex: George F. Forster, 31, shopkeeper chemist druggist; and Amanda H., 30, German subject Hamburg; they moved to Dover and in 1911 were at 52 Castle Street, working as chemist & mineral water manufacturer, with Amanda Alvina Henrietta Forster, 44, born St. Pauli Free Republic of Hamburg, as assistant; there was a report in the August 24, 1917 *Dover Express* of the serious illness (a stroke) of “Mr. George Forster, the well known Dover chemist, and who is in charge of the Dover Meteorological Station,” who died suddenly on October 25, 1917 (fourth quarter 1917, Plymouth, Devon R.D., 5b, 331); and an obituary from the *Dover Express* of October 26; Amanda H. Forster, 78, died in 1947 (fourth quarter 1947, Exeter, Devon R.D., 7a, 339)(National Probate Calendar: death on 27 Sep 1947 at Templeton Lodge, The Esplanade, Exmouth, Devonshire).
18. Marriage records for Dover St. Mary, Kent; images from Canterbury Cathedral Archives, U3/30/1/38 (1888-1902) available on FindMyPast, of marriage of Roberta Forster and Thomas Charles Agutter; in the 1901 census for Alverstoke, Hampshire, at the District Royal Navy Hospital: Thos. Chas. Agutter, 35, civil engineer, born Deptford, Kent; wife Roberta, 26, born Dover; daughter Frances Margaret, 3, born Rochester, Kent; daughter Kathleen Mary M., 1, born Malta; and brother-in-law Robert H. Forster, 23, actor, born Dover; Thomas Charles Agutter passed the examination in architecture (Dec. 25, 1891 issue of *The British Architect*) and there are records of two voyages by him from London to Gibraltar in 1910 and 1915; in an electoral register of 1935 for Lewisham. London (Blackheath and Church Lee Ward), at 51 Lee Park: Agutter “group” – Thomas Charles; Roberta Forster; Anthony Tom Devenish; Geoffrey Forster; Marguerite Armitage; Frances Margaret; and Kathleen Mary; in the 1939 Register for Greenwich, at 79 Lee Road: Thomas C. Agutter, 65, civil engineer; Roberta F. Agutter, 74; Frances M. Agutter, (born 10 Feb 1898, artist); and Kathleen M. Agutter (born 12 Feb 1900 (secretary); Thomas Agutter died in 1940 (death registration for 1940, Greenwich, London R.D. 74) and 1940 National Probate Calendar (“Agutter Thomas Charles of 79 Lee-road Blackheath London died 28 July 1940

Probate London 27 August to Frances Margaret Agutter and Kathleen Mary Melitta Agutter spinsters."); and Roberta (Forster) Agutter died in 1955 at age 80 (death registration in first quarter 1955, Greenwich R.D., 5c, 697) and burial/cremation record showing Feb. 17, 1955 at Greenwich).

19. Robert Henry Forster died on Feb. 23, 1901, with probate granted to widow Fanny (Nat'l Prob Cal), Fn 12.
20. Marriage registration in third quarter 1903, Islington R.D., 1b, 535 (and marriage on August 7, 1903 at St. Mary, Hornsey Rise, Islington, London) of Robert Halford Forster and Mildred Howard Jones; in the San Francisco *Call* of Sept. 27, 1903 (review of *Twelfth Night* performed by Mr. Ben Greet and his company of English players), "Mr. Smiley was excellently foiled by the beautiful fatuity of Robert Halford Forster's Sir Andrew"; in the 1911 census at 79 Clopton Road, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire: Robert Halford Forster, 33, manager theatrical company; wife Ethel Mildred, 35; and his obituary in 1939: "We regret to announce the death of Mr. Robert Halford Forster [who] developed great talent as an amateur actor [and] eventually joined the Benson Shakespearean Company, and became his business manager as well as acting;" the obituary described his clerical work with the Forces during the war, and his teaching of elocution at Spurgeon's College and Trinity College and private pupils in Kensington (*Dover Express* of January 6, 1939).
21. Marriage registration in third quarter 1905, Dover R.D., 2a, 2211 of the marriage of Margaret Helen Forster and George Devenish Thomas; the 1911 census for Dover described Thomas as 36, secondary school teacher, born at Fishponds, Bristol; in the Thomas household was Margaret's widowed mother Fanny, 68; George Thomas died in 1927 (first quarter 1927, Dover R.D., 2a, 1899); Margaret died in 1928 (second quarter 1928, Dover R.D., 2a, 1458).

Philippa F. Forster/Blake (1810-1868) & Frances Forster (1811-1854)

Philippa Frances was born to Francis and Margaret (Salter) Forster on September 10, 1810, and baptized on October 24, 1810 at St. John the Baptist in Margate. Her sister Frances was born on December 11, 1811, and baptized in the same church on December 26, 1811.

The sisters were raised in Margate in Northumberland House and remained there with their widowed mother, who died in April 1854. By their mother's 1853 Will they were named executrices, and they inherited all of their mother's property, subject to an indebtedness to Cobb and Company. The Will was proved on June 24, 1854.

Frances Forster died in November 1854 and was buried on November 21 at St. John the Baptist. Philippa administered Frances' estate and inherited everything pursuant to Frances' Will and a Codicil made on July 10, 1854. Contingent beneficiaries were siblings John Forster, Mrs. Henry Druitt and Robert Forster. The Will/Codicil were proved on April 2, 1855.

On December 18, 1856 Philippa married retired customs officer George Blake. (Fn 1)

1856. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St. Mary Lambeth in the County of London

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Residence.	Rank or Profession of Father.
136	18 th Dec: 1856	George Blake. Philippa Frances Forster	Both Widowers	Single	Gentleman	St. Mary's, Lambeth, Kent.	George Blake, Esq., St. Mary's, Lambeth, Kent.	Gentleman

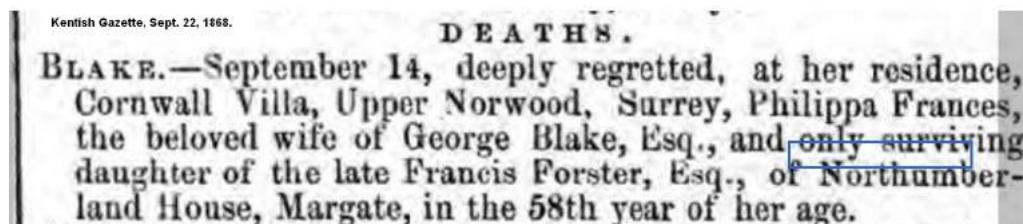
Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by licence or after banns by me,
James A. Potter, Curate

This Marriage was solemnized between us,
George Blake in the presence of us,
Philip James Forster, Esq.

In the 1861 census for Tunbridge Wells, Kent, on Calverley Road: George Blake, 64, retired officer of the Customs, born Dover, Kent; and wife Philippa F., 50.

On June 11, 1863 Philippa Frances made her last Will and Testament. It referred to a settlement in contemplation of marriage made by her and her husband on December 17, 1856 and a further agreement dated October 1, 1860 by which several trustees would manage Philippa's East India stock and Bank of England stock for the duration of her life and after her death the dividends and interest to go to George Blake for life and after his death for the benefit of the children of her brothers John Forster and Robert Forster. George Blake and one of the trustees were appointed executors. The Will was proved at London on Feb. 6, 1869.

Philippa Blake, 57, died on September 14, 1868. (Fn 2)



In the 1871 census for Cornwall Villa in Croydon: George Blake, widower, 74, retired civil service, born Dover, Kent; Maria E. P. Forster, niece (daughter of Robert Forster of Dover), unmarried, 22, born Dover; Mariane Thornton, 21, granddaughter, born Peckham, Surrey; and two servants.

George Blake, 83, died in 1778. (Fn 3)

Footnotes:

1. Marriage registration, fourth quarter, 1856, Lambeth R.D., 1d, 545; George Blake was born on September 19, 1796 and baptized on October 9, 1796 at Dover St. Mary by George and Margaret Blake.
2. Death registration of Philippa Blake in third quarter 1868, Croydon (Surrey) R.D., 2a, 154.
3. Death registration of George Blake in second quarter 1778, Croydon R.D., 21, 125.

11. Brothers of Francis Forster (of chapter 5)

Charles Francis Forster (1795-1851) had many children by three wives (see chapter 4). Most died young and only three have descendants living today: Francis Forster (see chapter 5) and his two brothers described in this chapter.

William Burroughs Forster (1820-1847)

William Burroughs Forster, son of Charles Francis and Harriet Caroline (Gordon) Forster of Margate, was baptized on March 15, 1820 at St. John the Baptist in Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent. He emigrated to the Port Jackson (Sydney) area in the Colony of New South Wales in about 1840.



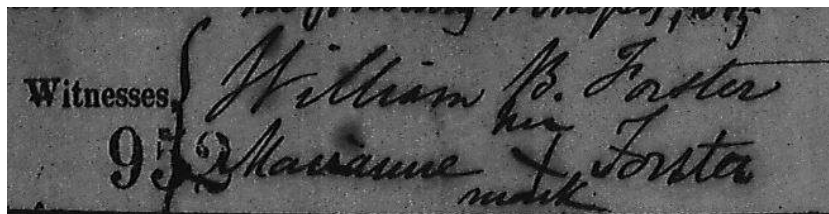
On October 24, 1842, William married Mary Anne Porter, aged 19, in the Scots Church in Sydney. Witnesses were John Peter Ladd and Sarah Elizabeth Porter. The minister was John Dunmore Lang, a Presbyterian. Forster and Porter's *abode* was Sydney. (Fn 1)

William B. Forster was a mariner, and he may have arrived at Port Jackson as a seaman on a sailing ship. No immigration record has been located for William.

Sisters Mary Anne Porter and Sarah Elizabeth Porter arrived in the New South Wales colony on the bounty immigrant ship *Alfred* on January 29, 1842. According to immigration records, they were needlewomen from Middlesex, aged 17 and 16, respectively, and their mother was identified as *Mary Smith nee Roonie (sic Roome) late Porter traveling on board as Mrs. Mary Smith*.

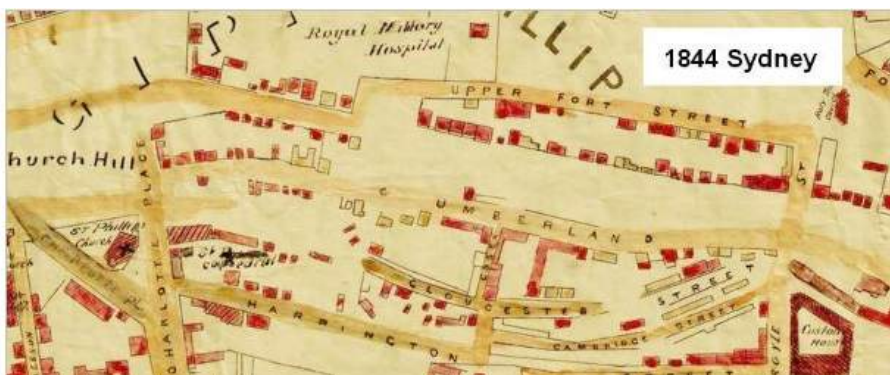
William and Mary Anne Forster registered the 1843 birth of their son William C. with colonial officials. (Fn 2)

On July 24, 1844 William's sister-in-law Sarah Elizabeth Porter married John Peter Ladd in the Scots Church in Sydney; William and his wife were witnesses. William's signature was on the marriage certificate.



A close-up photograph of a handwritten document. The word "Witnesses" is printed in a bold, serif font. To its right, the name "William B. Forster" is written in a large, flowing cursive script. Below this, the name "Marianne Forster" is written in a similar cursive script, with a small "mark" written below it. The number "95" is written in the left margin.

The 1845 Sydney assessment books show William Forster at a house on Cumberland Street; he was not listed in the 1848 assessment books. (Fn 3) Cumberland street was south of Darling Harbour and east of Church Hill near Fort Philip and the Custom House.



W. B. Forster had an unclaimed letter at the General Post Office in May 1846. (Fn 4)

In about April 1846 Thomas J. Forster was born to William and Mary Forster. They baptized him at Sydney St. Lawrence on March 19, 1847, and he was buried on March 23, 1847 at the Ashfield Anglican Churchyard not far from central Sydney. (Fn 5)

On June 11, 1847 William Forster and his brother-in-law John Ladd died at sea, as reported on June 26 in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and on June 30 in the *Maitland Mercury*. Forster and Ladd were aboard the 25 ton coal carrying schooner *Catherine MacKellar* lost in a gale after leaving Newcastle on June 10.

e Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW : 1843 - 1893)about Wednesday 30 June 1847

THE "CATHERINE MACKELLAR."—Great fears are entertained for the safety of this vessel. She left Newcastle for Sydney with a cargo of coals on the 10th instant, in company with the *Australia*. The following afternoon it blew a heavy gale from the south-west. The latter vessel took shelter under Reed's Mistake, but the *Catherine MacKellar* was observed to stand off the land, since which nothing whatever has been heard of her. She is the property of Mr. Spithill, of Argyle-street. The crew consisted of four, namely: John Ladd, master, William Forster and Thomas Taylor, seamen, and Duncan Spithill, a son of the owner.

WRECK OF THE "LOUISA CAMPBELL."—

Widow Mary Ann Forster may have married John Raynes on September 18, 1848, at the Scot's Church in Sydney. A transcription of the marriage record called her *Mary Ann Porter or Foster* but the NSW marriage registry index only showed *Mary A. Foster*. (Fn 6) If she did in fact marry John Raynes, she must have been widowed again or otherwise lost Mr. Raynes because on August 29, 1854, as Mary Ann Forster, she married Richard Payne at Holy Trinity in Sydney. (Fn 7)

On May 7, 1866 *William Charles Foster* (son of the late William B. Forster) married Susannah Johnson (born at Campbelltown near Sydney) at the Scot's Church in Sydney. William Charles was a resident of Young, NSW, where he worked as a carrier. Witnesses were Richard and Mary Anne Payne. (Fn 8) [Note: according to Britannica.com, the Young area lies about 170 miles southwest of Sydney on Burrangong Creek on the Western Slopes of the *Great Dividing Range*. It was first settled in 1830 as a sheep station. Gold was discovered in 1860. Young became the town name in 1861.]

Susannah (or Susan) was 17 when she married William "and came straight to Young" in 1854. Her husband hauled goods for Watson Brothers before the railroad came to Young. He selected [farmland] on Wambanumba Road in Young, and son Harry lived there in 1922. William also had land on Marengo Road, where he had a profitable farm. William died on March 3, 1901 at

age 57 and was buried in Young Cemetery, as was Susan in 1922. William and Susan's sons were Richard and Henry Foster (of Marengo Road) and their daughters were Mrs. R. S. Norman of Young, Mrs. H. Donges of Cowra Road, Mrs. C. Donges of Yannawah, and Mrs. F. Black of Young. (Fn 9)

In order of birth, William and Susan's children were William Richard (1867-1944) (spouse Minnie Pearson); Emma (1869-1877); Angelina (1872-1941) (spouse Henry Donges); Priscilla (1873-1958) (spouse Robert S. Norman); Henry (1877-1935) (spouse Catherine Donges); Mary (1886-1962) (spouse Casper Donges); and Minnie Louisa (1888-1969) (spouse John F. Black). (Fn 10)

Ned Norman (pseudonym *namron*), a grandson of Robert and Priscilla, has a 34cM autosomal DNA match (in one segment) with me, William Archerd.

Footnotes:

1. Certified copy of marriage record from Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Sydney, May 11, 2010.
2. NSW registration # 1808/1843 V18431808 155.
3. Sydney assessment books (1845 & 1848 online).
4. List of unclaimed letters listed in the NSW Government *Gazette* of June 5, 1846.
5. NSW birth registration #653/1846 V1846653 32A; transcription of Sydney St. Lawrence baptism record at familysearch.org, showing parents William Burrows (*sic*) and Mary Ann Forster; and burial record transcription at familysearch.org showing the age at death as 11 (which must mean 11 months). There is a memorial at FindAGrave (#87869129), and a record on the Australian Cemeteries Index (austcemindex.com) for the March 23, 1847 death of Thomas John Forster and burial at Ashfield Anglican Church.
6. Transcription at familysearch.org, and NSW registration ## 1626/1848 V1848 1626 73B and 749/1848 V1848749 78, both in JB district.
7. Transcription at familysearch.org; and NSW registration # 502/1854 V1854502 41B, in MS district.
8. Marriage Certificate (registration #385/1866).
9. Susan's obituary of December 12, 1922 in the *Young Witness*, and another on December 13, 1922 on p. 2 of the Cootamundra *Daily Herald*; and grave inscriptions of William and Susan in Young Cemetery.
10. NSW registration records; and information from a descendant of William and Susan.

Frederick William Forster (1845-1896)

Frederick William was the only child of Charles Francis Forster (1795-1851) and his third wife, Eliza D’jervornais Terry. Frederick William was born on June 10, 1845 at 15 Camomile Street in the East London Registration District and he was baptized by his parents on May 31, 1846 at All Hallows London Wall Parish. His father died on March 19, 1851 in London.

Frederick William was called Thomas W. in the 1851 census for 67 (sic) London Wall: Eliza Forster, widow, 32; Francis, 15, sailor; and Thomas W., 5, scholar. He was called Fred W. Forster in the 1861 census for Liberty of the Rolls, St. Clement Danes Parish, Middlesex. Fred W. was an apprentice to surgical instrument maker Edward John Guy, 34, and resided with Guy and his wife and family, including Emma S., 8, who later would be a witness to Fred’s marriage.

Frederick William Forster married Hannah Bullock on February 24, 1867 at Trinity Church, St. Mary Newington, Surrey. Hannah was under the age of consent. Emma Sarah Guy and Charles Leer were the witnesses. Charles Francis Forster, undertaker, was listed as Frederick’s father.

1867. Marriage solemnized at <i>Trinity Church</i> in the Parish of <i>St. Mary Newington</i> in the County of <i>Surrey</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
292	<i>24th February 1867</i>	<i>Frederick William Forster</i>	<i>full Bachelor</i>	<i>Surgical Instrument Maker</i>	<i>Doner Road</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>Charles Francis Forster</i>	<i>Undertaker</i>
		<i>Hannah Bullock</i>	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>Minor</i>	<i>-the Same</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>George Bullock</i>	<i>Labourer</i>

Married in the *Trinity District Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by *Charles Leer* or after *Signature* by me, *See*

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Frederick William Forster* and *Hannah Bullock* in the Presence of us, *Charles Leer* and *Emma Sarah Guy*

Frederick William and Hannah Forster had the following children:

1. Frederick William FORSTER + (b.1845 d.1896)

sp: Hannah BULLOCK (b.1849 m.1867 d.1930)

2. Charles William Frederick FORSTER + (b.1869 d.1936)

sp: Margaret RAEDY (OR RADY) (b.1869 m.1888 d.1920)

2. Elizabeth FORSTER (b.1875)

sp: George LLEWELLYN (m.1899)

2. Emily Charlotte FORSTER (b.1877 d.1926)

sp: Henry Charles MEASURES (b.1867 m.1898 d.1924)

2. Henry William FORSTER (b.1880 d.1917)

sp: Mary Ann SOUTHCOTT (m.1906)

2. George William FORSTER (b.1883 d.1884)

Son Charles William Frederick Forster's birth was registered at the Shoreditch, London registration district in the 4th quarter of 1869.

The birthdays of Elizabeth (August 22, 1875), Emily Charlotte (August 22, 1877) and Henry William (August 7, 1880) are known because they were included in the registration records of the Charles Street School (located in the Islington area). There are also birth registrations for these children in the Holborn registration district.

George William Forster was born on January 17, 1883 (baptism record on Feb. 4, 1883 at St. Barnabus Parish, Middlesex). He died in 1884.

Census records for the Frederick William Forster family are missing for 1871 and 1881. The school registration records list 12 Mason's Place as the family's residence. The 1891 census places the family (with children Elizabeth, Emily and Henry) at 14 Hull Court (St. Luke's, London in Holborn).

On September 9, 1888, at Bethnal Green St. Philip's Parish, Middlesex, Charles William Frederick Forster, soap maker, married Margaret Raedy.

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1888. Marriage solemnized at *St Philip's Church in the parish of Bethnal Green in the County of Middlesex*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
33	Sept 9 1888	Charles Frederick Forster Margaret Raedy	19 19	Bachelor Spinster	Soap Maker	44 Newland Street 44 Newland Street	Frederick William Forster James Raedy	Electro- fitter Carpenter

Married in the *Church aforesaid* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ or after *James* by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Charles Frederick Forster* in the Presence of us, *Frederick Forster* *Richard Forster*
Margaret Raedy *Eloisa Forster*

In 1896, Frederick William Forster died (Shoreditch death registration in the 2nd quarter, age 50). Hannah died in 1930 (Islington death registration in the 2nd quarter, age 70).

Emily Forster married Henry Charles Measures on December 25, 1898 in St. Andrews Hoxton Parish in Shoreditch, Middlesex.

Elizabeth Forster married George Llewellyn on November 26, 1899 in St. Paul Clerkenwell Parish in London.

Henry William Forster married Mary Ann Southcott on December 23, 1906 in St. Anne's Church, Hoxton, Shoreditch, Middlesex. The 1911 census shows them at 50 Great Chart Street

in Hoxton with two baby daughters. Henry William died in Flanders in 1917 (10th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers).

1. Charles William Frederick FORSTER + (b.1869 d.1936)

sp: Margaret RAEDY (OR RADY) (b.1869 m.1888 d.1920)

2. Charles George FORSTER + (b.1890 d.1937)

sp: Elizabeth Constance WOOD (b.1883 m.1919 u.1928)

sp: Amy Dorothy CATTELL (b.1888 m.1930 d.1965)

2. Frederick Thomas FORSTER + (b.1892 d.1939)

sp: Mary Ann WALTERS (m.1913)

2. Eliza Emily FORSTER (b.1893 d.1895)

2. Margaret FORSTER (b.1896)

2. George Henry FORSTER + (b.1898 u.1948)

sp: Alice Edith WILES (b.1897 m.1926)

2. Mary Beatrice FORSTER (b.1900 d.1971)

sp: Thomas George FREEMAN (b.1900 m.1923 d.1967)

2. Alice Annie FORSTER (b.1902 d.1982)

sp: William A. MAHONEY (m.1935)

2. Florence May FORSTER (b.1907 d.Aft 1939)

sp: James MASON (b.1910 m.1939 d.1956)

2. James Stephen FORSTER (b.1910 d.1964)

The 1901 census for 12 Europa Place, St. Luke's Old Street, London listed the following children of Charles and Margaret: Charles George, 1890; Frederick Thomas, 1892; Eliza Emily, 1893 (died 1895); Margaret, 1896; and George Henry, 1898. In the 1911 census, Margaret was head of household (her husband was not listed) at 104 Britannia in Hoxton. Children listed were Charles, 21 (but crossed out); Margaret, 15; George, 12; Elsie (sic, Alice Annie), 8; May, 3; and James S., 8 months.

A 1918 electoral record placed Charles and Margaret at 83 Provost Street (Hoxton Ward in Shoreditch). Margaret's death was registered in the 4th quarter of 1920 at Shoreditch.

In 1921 the electoral record for 83 Provost Street reported Charles Frederick Forster, George Henry Forster and James Matilda, and in 1932 at that address were Charles Frederick Forster, Alice Annie Forster, James Stephen Forster and May Florence Forster.

Charles William Frederick Forster died in 1936 (registered in the 4th quarter, Shoreditch).

On June 12, 1919, at St. Michael & All Angels London Fields, Parish of Hackney, London, Charles George Forster, painter of 9 Martello Terrace, married Elizabeth Constance Wood. Previously, in the 1911 census, Charles George had reported that he had been married to Elizabeth for three years.

The 1921 census for 9 Martello Terrace, Hackney, reported, in addition to Charles George and Elizabeth Constance, the following children: Eileen C., 10; Mary Elizabeth, 8; Charles Alfred, 6; Alice Eliza Margaret, 1 yr 8 m; and Patricia Eliza, 3 m. There was also a step-son, James Wood, 18. [Note: Previously Elizabeth Constance M. had been born in 1909, but she had died in 1910.]

In 1928 Elizabeth, Charles George's wife, died. In 1932, daughter Eileen died. Daughter Mary Elizabeth married Arthur G. Cooper in 1931. Son Charles Alfred Forster married Barbara Temple in 1948 and there are a number of living descendants. Daughter Alice Helen Margaret married James Charles Major in 1939, and daughter Patricia Elsie married John W. Killington in 1945. A daughter born in 1926, Constance M., married Cornelius J. Brooks in 1950.

On June 1, 1930, widower Charles George Forster married widow Amy Dorothy (Cattell) Cooper at St. Michael & All Angels London Fields, Parish of Hackney, London. They had two sons, Reginald C. (1930-2022) and Frederick J. (1932-?), and there are living descendants of both of them.

The remaining children of Charles and Margaret Forster married as follows:

Frederick Thomas married Mary Ann Walters in 1913 and one son may have survived.

George Henry married Alice Edith Wiles in 1926, and there are living descendants.

Mary Beatrice married Thomas George Freeman in 1923 and there was at least one daughter.

Alice Annie married William A. Mahoney in 1935.

Florence May married James Mason in 1939.

12. Siblings of William B. Forster (of chapter 6)

William B. Forster had two brothers (Frank and Charles) and two sisters (Ada and Caroline).

Francis (Frank) Forster (1875-1955)

In 1901 Frank Forster was an iron founder's clerk in Birkenhead. He was almost 26. He decided to prepare for the ministry at a Disciples of Christ seminary in the United States, as his younger brother Charles had done. Frank's first pastorate was back in England, beginning in 1904 at Margate in Kent. (Fn 1)

"Lily Moodey was born October 25, 1869 in Margate, Kent, England. Her parents were Ann and William J. Moodey. Mr. Moodey was one of Margate's leading merchants. They were Baptists, and Lily, at a very early age, confessed Jesus as her Lord and Master, uniting with the local Baptist Church. She seemed to have a maturity beyond her years, as an earnest, spiritual young Christian. In her early teen age she took the initiative which led to the establishment of annual Christmas dinners which she called Robin Dinners for poor boys and girls. People rallied to her with enthusiastic financial and personal service. Lily attended private schools in Margate, and having chosen drawing and painting as her vocation, she attended the South Kensington Institute. For many years she was an active teacher of art in Margate." (Fn 2)

Frank and Lily met and courted in Margate. "Acquaintance between Miss Moodey and Mr. Forster ripened into friendship, and friendship into love." They married on October 7, 1906 in Margate. Less than three weeks later Frank had to return to America to take a pastorate in Garden City, Minnesota. On October 24, 1906 he embarked at Liverpool, without Lily, for Philadelphia, on the American Line steamship *Merion*. The second class departure manifest listed Frank as 30, married, minister. (Fn 3)

Lily joined Frank in Minnesota in 1907. She sailed from Liverpool on May 21 on the steamship *Carania* and arrived at Ellis Island, New York on May 29. (Fn 4)

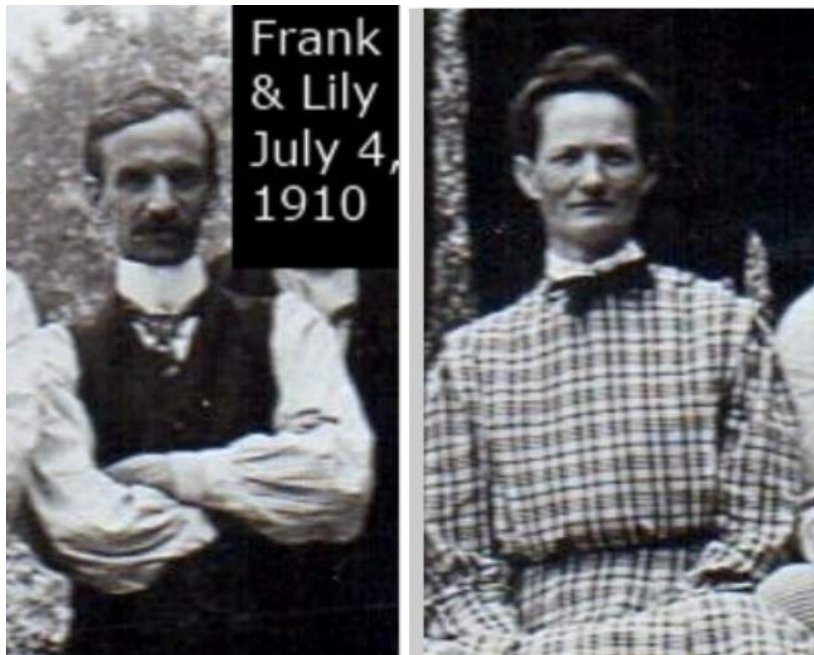
In the 1910 census for Pleasant Grove Township, Olmsted County, Minnesota: Francis Forster, 34, married three years, born England, immigrated in 1906, naturalization application pending, Christian Minister; and Lilly (sic), 40, no children, born England, immigrated in 1907, no occupation.

In 1912 Frank was the officiating minister at the marriage of his brother William and Emily Cartwright in St. Paul, Minnesota.

"After serving a later pastorate in Pleasant Grove, Minnesota, the Forster's moved to Iowa. Later on after due thought and consultation, they transferred to the Methodist ministry. In 1916 the Rev. Forster united with the North West Iowa Conference. Later on a transfer was made to

the West Wisconsin Conference. The Forster's served Bloomington, Whitehall, Viola, Briggsville [for ten years], Ridgeway, De Sota and North Freedom." (Fn 5)

In the 1920 census Frank and Lily were with his sisters Ada and Carrie Forster, and his mother Sarah Jane (Hancock) Forster at a duplex located at 3132 Stevens Ave. S. in Minneapolis.



On August 16, 1920 Frank signed a Declaration of Intention to become a U.S. citizen. Frank stated that he was 44, a minister, white, medium complexion, 5'7", 120 pounds, dark hair, gray eyes, born in England and residing at 3132 Stevens Ave, wife Lillie E. M., and arrived in the United States on November 5, 1906. (Fn 6)

Rev. Frank Forster, 54, and wife Lily, 60, resided on Nebraska Ave, Briggsville, Marquette County, Wisconsin (east of Wisconsin Dells), according to the 1930 census. Frank and Lily were still in Briggsville in 1935 but by 1940 they resided in western Wisconsin near the Mississippi River (DeSoto Village, Vernon County), according to the 1940 census. Frank was still an active minister. He reported four years of college for his education and Lily four years of high school. Frank was reported as 74 and Lily as 80 in the 1950 census for Baraboo (south of Wisconsin Dells). They were not naturalized citizens.

In August 1939, when Frank's niece Mildred Forster married Havard Archard in Minneapolis, Frank "gave the bride away" (standing in for Mildred's late father (Frank's brother)). (Fn 7)

"In 1946 they retired and made their home in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Mrs. Forster was called to the higher mansions Sunday, Feb. 1st, 1953. She is survived by her husband and one sister,

Mrs. Gertrude Wheeler, of Stewartville, Minnesota. Mrs. Forster was greatly loved on their charges. She loved to work among children and young people. She helped her husband in holding many daily vacation Bible Schools. Also she entered eagerly into the women's work both local and missionary. Mrs. Forster had a loving and gentle, but strong spirit. Altho her marriage did not result in offspring, she loved children and they loved her. A beautiful spirit has been released from the frail earthly house, into the higher abiding places. In the hearts of her husband, friends and loved ones, there can be that sorrow, at the heart of which can be the unconquerable joy of the Divine reunion to come." (Fn 8)

"Rev. Frank Forster passed to his eternal reward on May 18, 1955 at the Morrow Memorial Home for the Aged, at Sparta, Wisconsin. He was the son of Charles and Sarah Forster, being born in Birkenhead, England. He was a member of the Disciples of Christ (Christian) Church and came to America for his ministerial training in Disciples Seminary. Returning to England he accepted a pastorate at Margate, Kent, England where he met and wooed a Christian Worker . . . Miss Lily Moodey. They were married October 7, 1906. In the Fall of 1906 he came to the U.S.A. taking a charge at Garden City, Blue Earth County, Minnesota. Later they moved to Iowa where after due consideration he joined the Northwest Iowa Conference of the Methodist Church. Later he came to Wisconsin and served the following churches: Bloomington, Whitehall, Viola, Briggsville, Ridgeway, DeSota and North Freedom. In 1946 Mr. Forster retired from the active ministry and moved to Baraboo where they purchased a little house on Walnut Street. His wife Lily was called home on February 1, 1953 and was buried in Briggsville. Mr. Forster continued living in Baraboo until March 1, 1955 when he went to make his home in the Morrow Home at Sparta. He was quite frail and was stricken on Wednesday May 11th with a cerebral hemorrhage. One week later he passed away. Had he lived until Saturday he would have been 80 years of age. He is survived by two sisters, Ada Forster and Caroline Forster, Oakland, California, a niece Mrs. H. W. Archerd, Duluth, Minnesota, a niece Dorothy Howard, Oakland and a nephew, Clifton Forster, Japan." (Fn 9)

Ada L. Forster (1877-1966) & Harriet C. Forster (1880-1967)

In 1901 Ada Lavinia Forster, age 24, was a housemaid in the Birkenhead home of a coal and cement merchant Her sister, Harriet Caroline (*Carrie*) Forster was a nurse in the Birkenhead home of a wholesale grocer. Carrie was 20.

In 1905 Ada sailed from Liverpool to Boston on the steamship *Republic*. She had decided to become a Christian Church minister and was on her way to a missionary school in Chicago. Ada completed her training and was ordained on September 24, 1907 in Garden City, Minnesota, where her older brother Frank was then a minister. (Fn 10)

Ada's first posting was to the Christian Church in Fairmont, Minnesota. In September 1908 she sent her mother a postcard photo of her Fairmont Sunday School class.

Ada visited Birkenhead late in 1909 and returned to America on the steamship *Laurentic*, departing Liverpool on January 22, 1910 and reached New York on January 30. (Fn 11)

Meanwhile, with siblings Ada, Charles and Frank abroad, Carrie was active in Birkenhead. "In preparation for the work she had chosen to go into, she studied at Garfield Bible College, and at Liverpool University, where she specialized in the social service field. After leaving the University, she did volunteer social work at the Children's Mission in Birkenhead." (Fn 12)

The 1910 census (taken on April 22) for Fairmont, Minnesota showed Ada boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Thompson at 405 E. 2nd St.

Carrie Forster, her mother Sarah Jane and her brother William journeyed from Birkenhead to Fairmont in September 1910. They sailed on the steamship *Arabic*, which departed Liverpool on September 10 and arrived in New York on September 18. Will, Carrie and Sarah Jane were met on September 18 by a friend (Mr. Hughes?) who took them to Grand Central Station where they ate dinner and boarded a train for Chicago at midnight. At Chicago they switched to a *milk train* (slang for "slow") of the Chicago Northwestern Road and went to Rochester, Minnesota, where Ada picked them up and drove them by horse and buggy to brother Frank's farm near Pleasant Grove, Minnesota. After a few days, Ada and Carrie went to Fairmont and Will headed to St. Paul to look for work. (Fn 13)

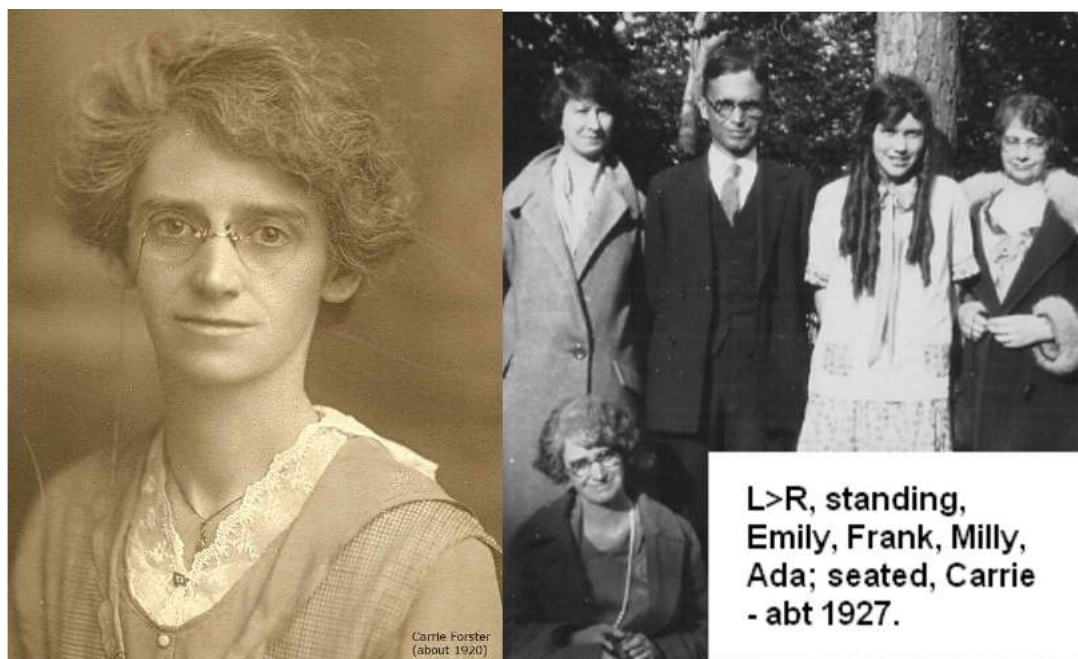
Ada and Carrie moved to Minneapolis in 1911, the year Ada began her work at the Portland Avenue Church of Christ and as Secretary of Women's Work in Minnesota and the Dakotas. (Fn 14)

Carrie "continued her education by spending about two years studying law. In 1913, she accepted a position in the Children's Dept. of the Minneapolis Humane Society. This was at the time when the children's code of Minnesota was in the making and Miss Forster was tireless in her efforts to see that this code was a just and adequate one. This code has since become a pattern for those drawn up in other states. When the Children's Protective Society came into existence, she became a case worker for that organization. She remained in that position till the Society became a part of Hennepin County Child Welfare." (Fn 15)

In Minneapolis City Directories from 1913 to 1920, Ada and Carrie were reported as residing together. The first Minnesota location for Ada and Carrie was at 3125 Lyndale Ave. S., then 2621 4th Avenue S. and finally 3125 Lyndale Ave. S. They were renters.

Ada was pastor pro tem from January 1 to July 1, 1918 at the Portland Avenue Church of Christ in Minneapolis and "did very efficient work to rally successfully the interest of every department of the church." During this period she was also the missionary secretary and the church membership is said to have "responded to her urgent appeal and raised \$2,200" toward an emergency drive for world missions. (Fn 16)

Ada became a naturalized U.S. citizen on November 18, 1916 in Hennepin County, Minnesota. Carrie filed an Alien Registration form with the State of Minnesota in February 1918. She reported that she had filed for naturalization in 1915 in Minneapolis and expected soon to take out “second papers.” Later, on April 18, 1918, Carrie was naturalized as a U.S. citizen. (Fn 17)



The 1920 census for Minneapolis reported Ada as renting half of a duplex at 3132 Stevens Ave. S. Ada was 42, church missionary; with her were sister Harriet C., 39, state truant officer; mother Sarah J., 73, alien; brother Frank, 44, alien, and his wife, alien.

“For a time [Carrie] was county probation officer in Winona [Minnesota] after which she returned to Minneapolis, working in our probation department with Mr. Hush and in the social service department of the General Hospital.” (Fn 18)

In 1921 Ada moved to 225 Oak Grove in Minneapolis.

Sarah Jane Forster died in Winona in October 1922.

From about 1925 to 1928 Ada resided at 1931 31st Ave. S. in Minneapolis, and continued with her work at Portland Avenue Church and related women's ministries.

Carrie “left Minneapolis to accept a position as Assistant Director of Social Welfare in Lincoln, Nebraska. After this she spent some time in Wisconsin, organizing the Children's work in LaCrosse, and in Polk and Ashland Counties.” (Fn 19)

Ada took a ministerial position with the Park & Prospect Christian Church of Milwaukee in September 1928 and remained there until 1935. (Fn 20)

In the 1930 census for Milwaukee: Ada, 53, minister christian church; and Carrie (H. C.), 49, church social worker.

“In 1935 Miss Forster [Ada] accepted the pastorate of the Minnehaha Christian Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She remained at this church until 1945 at which time she changed her field of service to the state of California. Miss Forster was rendering a fine service at the Christian Church, Fortuna at the time of her retirement, Nov. 1, 1949.” (Fn 21)

“In 1937 [Carrie] returned to Minneapolis, becoming social worker for the Minneapolis Council of Church Women. In this capacity, her work was largely with unmarried mothers and young people who had been paroled. Miss Forster has always been absolutely fearless in fighting for the rights of those in any kind of need, and we know that she will continue to have their interests at heart even though she may not be working with them in an official capacity. As Miss Forster leaves us to join her brother and family in California, we want her to know that our good wishes and prayers go with her, and that we hope she may often think of her many friends in Minneapolis.” (Fn 22)

In the summer of 1939, Ada and Carrie traveled to England on a vacation trip. They visited Margate, London, Birkenhead and Northumberland. On the reverse side of Ada's Certificate of Naturalization was a notation showing that a passport was issued to her on June 7, 1939 by the U.S. Department of State. Ada kept a detailed diary of the trip.

The 1938 Minneapolis Directory showed Ada as the president of the Minneapolis Council of Federated Church Women and residing at 4252 28th Ave. S. The 1940 Directory listed her at the same location and as pastor of Minnehaha Church of Christ. Ada's sister-in-law Emily, a widow, may have resided with Ada, and Carrie probably did also. In the 1942 directory, Ada lived at 4609 28th Ave. S.

In 1944 Ada moved west to take a pastorate in Fortuna, California, and Carrie went with her. This was the same church that their brother Charles Forster had served before World War I.

Mildred (Forster) Archerd and her husband and son visited Ada and Carrie in 1947 in Fortuna, traveling by train to Oakland, and then visited again in Oakland in about 1954, by automobile, when Ada and Carrie resided in a bright second floor apartment with a canary named *Dickie*.

Eventually Ada and Carrie moved to the San Gabriel Christian Home in Rosemead, California (near Pasadena), where Ada died on May 16, 1966, and Carrie on May 28, 1967. Their ashes were returned to Minnesota for burial in the Forster plot in Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis.



“Miss Ada L. Forster, retired Christian Church minister, died May 16, at the age of 89 years. She had been a resident of San Gabriel Christian Home, San Gabriel, Calif. A native of Birkenhead, England, she studied under Wm. Durban who attempted to organize the first college of Disciples of Christ in England. In 1905 she came to the United States and for two years was a student at the Chicago Missionary Training School which later became a part of Garrett Biblical Institute. She was ordained in Garden City, Minn., in September, 1907, with her brother Frank Forster, officiating. Her first church was in Fairmont, Minn., where she served four years. In 1911 she became a field worker for the Christian Women's Board of Missions, a position she held until 1928. Part of this time she was state secretary for the Christian Churches of Minnesota and the Dakotas. From 1928 to 1935 she was minister of the Park and Prospect Christian Church in Milwaukee, Wis., and then became pastor of the Minnehaha Christian Church in Minneapolis, Minn. During the 1940's, she was pastor of the Christian Church in Fortuna, Calif. She later moved to Oakland, Calif., and was an active member of First Christian Church there. She is author of 'A History of the Christian Church in Minnesota' (1953) and 'History of First Church, Oakland' (late 1950's). (Fn 23)

Charles Hancock Forster (1878-1946)

“Charles Hancock Forster was born in Birkenhead in September 1878. He was only five when his father died in Georgetown, British Guiana while serving aboard a British merchantman. The family was left with little in the way of financial support. These were days of great hardship in Victorian England and Charles was able to find part-time jobs on the Mersey docks. When he was about 14 he shipped out on a cattle boat for the St. Lawrence River. It was a rough journey across the North Atlantic caring for the cattle, and he was much relieved to reach Canada.” (Fn 24)

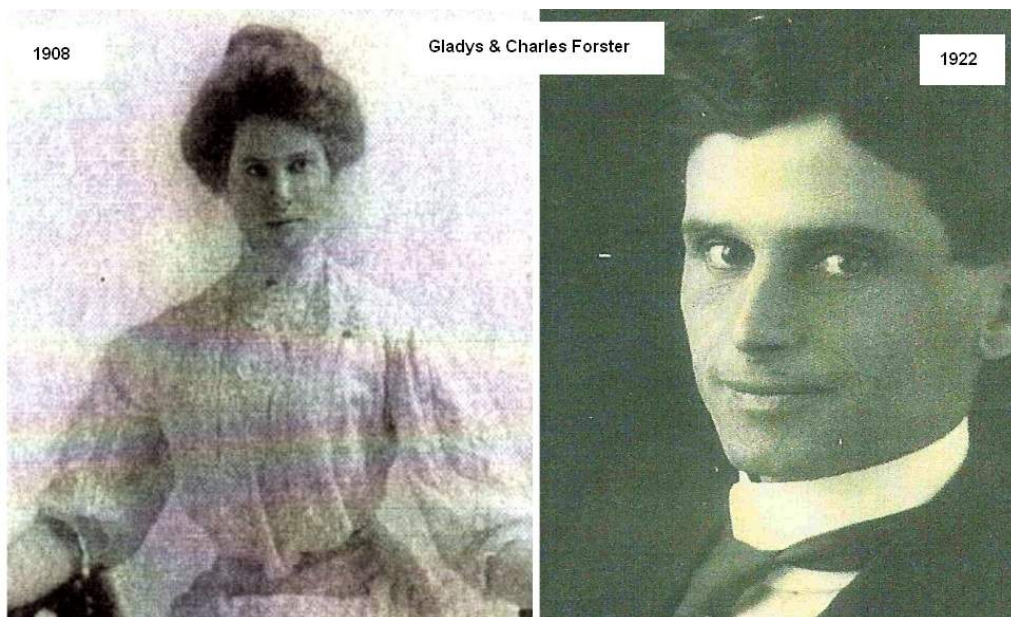


SS Lake Huron. Courtesy John Kalmakov <http://members.shaw.ca/kalmakov/>.

On August 6, 1907 Charles Hancock Forster filed a Declaration of Intention to become a citizen of the United States. He signed the Declaration with the District Court in Morris County, Minnesota. He stated that he emigrated on the ship *Lake Huron* from Liverpool to Montreal, Canada and then by rail to Battle Creek, Michigan on August 30, 1894. (Fn 25)

“Charles arrived in America virtually penniless, working at odd jobs including a stint at the Battle Creek Michigan Sanitarium where Seventh Day Adventists convinced him that he should train for the ministry at the Union Theological Seminary in New York. His early church work was in Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and New England, working mostly with miners and mill workers in underprivileged communities. As a summer pastor in Onsett, Massachusetts, he met Gladys Henrietta Bowman, a lovely young lady from California who had come east with her mother following the 1906 San Francisco earthquake where they had lost all their possessions. It was love at first sight and when Gladys returned to California to start her freshman year at the University of California, Charles followed shortly and landed a ministry in Red Bluff in northern California.” (Fn 26)

“Charles and Gladys were married in Sacramento on September 24, 1908 and honeymooned San Francisco where, among other things, they watched Teddy Roosevelt's *great white fleet* enter San Francisco Bay. They took a *second honeymoon* trek to the summit of Mt. Lassen, an idea which Gladys did not favor because she feared the volcano might act up again.” (Fn 27)



In the 1910 census for Fortuna, Rohnerville Township, Humboldt County, California (Market Street): Charles H. Forster, 31, clergyman Christian Church, immigration in 1895 (*sic*), naturalized; and wife Gladys H., 20, born Massachusetts.

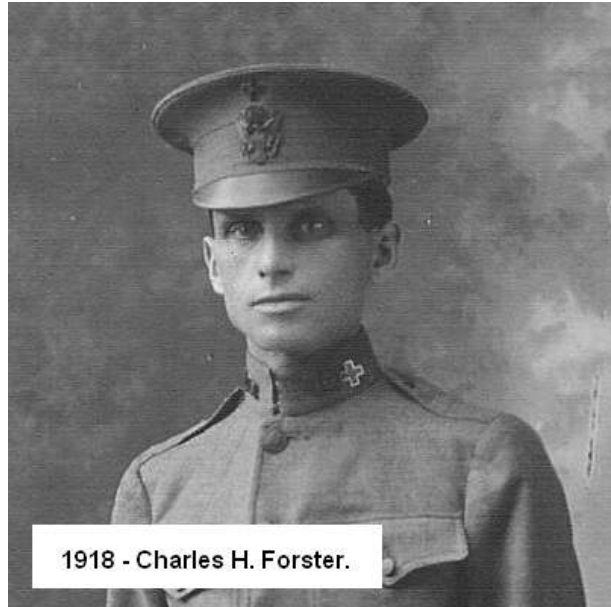
Charles' second ministry was in Fortuna where a first child, Frances, was born May 27, 1911. (Fn 28)

In the redwood country Charles developed a life-long love for California. He built a log cabin on a small piece of land in the Humboldt range, and would visit the property on home leaves from abroad. (Fn 29))

“The present pastor is Rev. Charles H. Forster, who came to the church three years ago He graduated from Johnson College, taking his bachelor's degree in 1903, and afterwards studied in the University of Chicago and Union Seminary of New York City.” (Fn 30)

“Charles' third ministry was in Vacaville, where he became very involved with Chinese and Japanese immigrants who were being discriminated against in California [and he helped] to launch an Asian Department in Bret Harte's *Overland Monthly*.” (Fn 31)

“Charles' Red Cross service began with the United States' entry into World War I. As a boy growing up in England he was particularly impressed by the legendary work of the English nurse, Florence Nightingale, who cared for the wounded of the Crimean War where his father had served. He left Vacaville in 1918 for France where most of his Red Cross work was with the wounded and refugees from the Western Front. At the end of the war he was running a refugee center in Limoges....” (Fn 32)



“When peace came, father returned briefly to Vacaville, campaigning vigorously for support of Wilson's League of Nations and writing articles on behalf of the League and Wilson's Fourteen Points. He was deeply disappointed when Senate support did not come for the U.S. to join the League. He subsequently rejoined the Red Cross and was made Director of the Bureau of Development in the 14th Division, where he became deeply involved with the affairs of the Philippines Chapter. He became Director of Insular and Foreign Chapters following the reorganization at National Headquarters in Washington DC. The great Tokyo earthquake of 1923 found him assisting in medical and food relief to the Japanese victims of that disaster. . . . When a new manager of the Philippine Red Cross Chapter was being sought in 1923 he offered his services. The offer was accepted and he left with Gladys and Frances from San Francisco on the *President Lincoln* . . . ; the family reached Manila on January 24, 1924, Clifton was born there on March 12.” (Fn 33)

“Even prior to Pearl Harbor, the Red Cross in the Philippines was actively working to provide medical and food relief during the Sino-Japanese War to non-combatants on the Chinese mainland. When China's port cities were occupied by the Japanese, Charles proposed that the relief supplies be sent into West China by the Burma Road. The Japanese attack on Shanghai in 1932 and again in 1937 prompted the evacuation of American and British civilians from these

cities which father organized, bringing them safely by ship to Manila. In 1940 he was responsible for the evacuation of British citizens from Hong Kong to Manila as the Japanese forces encircled the crown colony. He was decorated by the British Government for this service. In the case of the Shanghai evacuation of women and children, he had accompanied them on a small tender on the Whangpoo River under intensive cross-fire to board the *President Jefferson* lying offshore. . . . In late December General MacArthur sent an urgent message to my father from the island fortress of Corregidor at the entrance to Manila Bay, where he had moved his headquarters. MacArthur requested Father's assistance in evacuating the most seriously wounded American and Filipino soldiers to Australia before the entry into Manila by Japanese forces. This was no easy task but the S.S. *Mactan*, a small inter-island vessel was available and was painted white with red crosses on the sides and on the top deck. The International Red Cross in Geneva was informed, as were American Red Cross headquarters in Washington and the Japanese Red Cross in Tokyo; and on New Year's Eve the *Mactan* with its Filipino captain, Julian Tamayo, pulled out of Manila Bay headed for Sydney. When the small vessel entered Sydney, by way of the Celebes, Port Darwin, and Brisbane, with its 224 wounded American and Filipino servicemen, there was a tumultuous welcome from the Australians who sang "Waltzing Matilda" from the shore and the Harbor Bridge. (Fn 34)

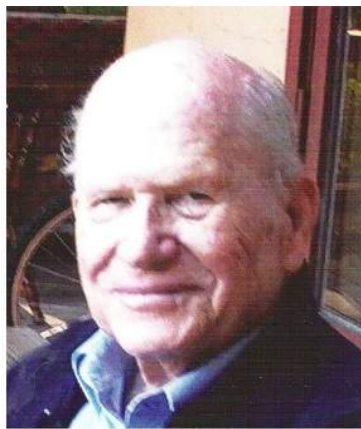
"The Japanese forces occupied Manila on January 2nd 1942 and Charles was interned in violation of the Geneva Convention. Charles at this time became quite ill following a heart seizure and was released from the internment site at Santo Tomas University to remain under house arrest with Gladys in early '42. Clifton was also interned, first in Santo Tomas and later in Los Banos south of Manila where 800 internees were sent to build a second camp for prisoners of war. The family was reunited and repatriated on the 'Gripsholm' in September of 1943. The family arrived in New York the following December, by way of Saigon, Singapore, the Sunda Straits, Goa, Port Elizabeth, and Rio de Janeiro. (Fn 35)

"Charles' humanitarian service to the Philippines continued after a brief rest at his redwood cottage in the Oakland hills overlooking the Golden Gate. ... the Philippine President and Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy ... invited Charles to organize and manage the Philippine War Relief program in Washington. Charles and Gladys left for Washington, D.C. in the fall of 1945. Charles' health had never completely recovered from the war years ... September of 1946 Charles took a well-earned vacation, returning to California via Canada with Gladys. Clifton joined them in Calgary to assist in driving the final stretch to Oakland. In October Charles decided to return to his favorite Redwood country, staying in a small lodge near Fortuna with Gladys. It was here that he suffered his final heart attack. He died in the Scotia Hospital (Scotia, Humboldt County) on October 28, 1946, and the Memorial Service was held in the First Christian Church where he had been the minister in 1910. Coincidentally Charles' sister Ada had become the minister subsequently and she conducted the service with several of Charles' old parishioners present." (Fn 36)

"Finally, I must mention Mother's active role through the years, first as a young wife assisting my father with his early church work in California including the war-time years in Vacaville

caring for a small daughter while he was in France. She was also a great help to him later in the Philippines, assisting in the development of the impressive Junior Red Cross program and in recruiting and organizing volunteers for disaster relief work as well as providing aid to American military personnel in combat areas in the Philippines. I should also mention the encouragement and sympathy she provided to my father during the dark days of World War II when he had to cope with the loss of personnel he had trained and worked with over a period of many years, as well as the loss of his headquarters building which was destroyed by retreating Japanese in 1945. My parents have always been a great source of inspiration and I deeply regret that our grandchildren will never have a chance to meet them.” (Fn 37)

Gladys lived for many years in the family home on Manchester Drive in Oakland and later in Montague, Siskiyou County, California, where she died on July 9, 1977. She was buried next to her husband in Mountain View Cemetery, Piedmont, Alameda County, California.



Footnotes:

1. 1901 Birkenhead census; biography of Charles Hancock Forster (written by his son Clifton); and obituary of Lily Forster in 1953 (written by her husband Frank).
2. Lily Forster obituary, Fn 1.
3. Marriage registration for Esther Lily M. Moodey and Francis Forster, fourth quarter 1906, Thanet R.D., 2a, 2156; Lily Forster obituary, Fn 1; and Departure Manifest of SS *Merion*. Lily's birth was registered in the second quarter of 1868 (Thanet R.D., 2a, 785) as Esther Maria L. Moodey.
4. Arrival Manifest - Lilly (sic) Forster, 37, married, artist, last residence Margate, destination Garden City, Minnesota; 5'4", fair complexion, brown hair, light eyes.
5. Lily Forster obituary, Fn 1.
6. Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2013.
7. Harvard Wesley Archerd.
8. Lily Forster obituary, Fn 1.
9. Obituary of Frank Forster, written by his niece, Mildred Forster Archerd.

10. Departure Manifest of SS *Republic* (Ada, 28, single, milliner, contact: Rev. Charles Forster, Vermont); Ada's Ministerial Certificate filed in Martin County, Minnesota.
11. Arrival Manifest of SS *Laurentic* (Ada, 32, minister, previously in the U.S., brother William in Birkenhead at 8 Harcourt St., traveling to 405 2nd St., Fairmont, 5'4", dark complexion, brown hair, gray eyes, born in Birkenhead).
12. Program brochure prepared for a banquet held on August 31, 1944 by the Minneapolis Church Federation and Council of Church Women to honor Carrie; Garfield Bible College was a bible correspondent college at Hither Green, London, established by W. Durban (p. 411, vol. 16, The Missionary Intelligencer, January 1905, published by the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, Cincinnati, Ohio).
13. Arrival Manifest of SS *Arabic* (Harriet C. Forster, 30, occupation domestic, traveling to join Rev. A. L. Forster in Fairmont); and letter of William B. Forster to Emily Cartwright.
14. January 1950 church Pension Fund Bulletin.
15. 1944 program brochure, Fn 12.
16. 1922 Portland Avenue Church of Christ history.
17. Ada's naturalization record (held by the Minnesota Historical Society) described Ada as age 39, 5'4", dark complexion, gray eyes, dark hair, and residing at 2822 3rd Ave. S. in Minneapolis; Carrie's record described her as 5'6", fair complexion and blue eyes.
18. 1944 program brochure, Fn 12.
19. 1944 program brochure, Fn 12.
20. 1950 Bulletin, Fn 14; and Certificate dated September 20, 1928 from the Clerk of the Milwaukee County, Wisconsin Circuit Court attesting to the filing of Ada's credentials of ordination and license to solemnize marriages.
21. 1950 Bulletin, Fn 14.
22. 1944 program brochure, Fn 12.
23. Obituary of Ada L. Forster.
24. April 28, 2003 letter of Clifton Bowman Forster to William F. Archerd; the Outbound Manifest of SS *Lake Huron* dated June 24, 1893 lists passengers and *cattlemen*, one of whom was C. Foster.
25. The 1907 Declaration of Intention described Charles Hancock Forster as 28, Minister of the Gospel, white, dark complexion, 5'6", 125 pounds, black hair, grey eyes, no distinctive marks. He was then a resident of Austin, Minnesota.
26. April 28, 2003 letter, Fn 24.
27. April 28, 2003 letter, Fn 24.
28. Frances (Forster) Howard (1911-2004); "Howard, Frances Forster. Daughter of California, Citizen of the World. Frances had recently celebrated her 93rd birthday when she died at the Sutter Hospital in Roseville on June 25, 2004. Her parents were married in Sacramento, and she spent her early childhood in Fortuna and Vacaville, where her father was a minister. In 1923 she accompanied her family to the Philippines. While her father served as director of the American Red Cross there, she attended school and later became locally well-known as a radio show talk host. In the early 40's

she lived in Carmel and was active in the local theater. She was an energetic traveler, visiting Japan, China and Southeast Asia during the 1930's and in post-war years traveling and living in Europe. A strong supporter of human rights, she championed causes among a wide circle of friends from Mt. Shasta to San Diego and served as a role model for her far-flung family. A lover of the sea, she expressed this love in a series of seascapes oil paintings. Her dearest friend described her as a "diamond with many facets." She has left us with a legacy of her music, poetry, paintings and writing; her love of her son, Charles Howard of Citrus Heights; two grandsons, Chris and Brad; a great-grandson, Bryce; and her brother, Clifton Forster of Tiburon" (Sacramento, California *Bee* of July 25, 2004).

29. April 28, 2003 letter, Fn 24.

30. Fortuna newspaper; Johnson College was founded in 1828 as a grammar school called Johnson Academy, and in 1867 it became a Vermont state teachers' college; now it is Johnson State College, small liberal arts college (Wikipedia); sister Ada Forster referred to Charles being "in Vermont" in 1905.

31. April 28, 2003 letter, Fn 24.

32. April 28, 2003 letter, Fn 24.

33. April 28, 2003 letter, Fn 24; Clifton Bowman Forster (1924-2006) – Obituary, by John Koopman, San Francisco *Chronicle* Staff Writer, on Thursday, September 26, 2006:

"Cliff Forster – U.S. diplomat, expert in international affairs -

Cliff Forster learned about international relations the hard way, traveling with his parents throughout Asia as a young boy and spending a couple of years in a Japanese internment camp in the Philippines before the age of 20. Those experiences remained with him the rest of his life, which he dedicated to international affairs, as a U.S. Foreign Service officer and later as a director of the U.S. Information Agency.

Mr. Forster died Sept. 19 in Tiburon, where he lived, after suffering a fall. He was 82.

Cliff believed very strongly in the concept of public diplomacy, something our nation needs very much today, said his wife, Nancy. He spent long hours building friendships that still exist today. He wanted to get the message across that we're all in this together and we need to listen and learn about each other.

Mr. Forster was born in Manila, where his father was director of the Red Cross and field director for the Far East. He traveled with his parents and sister throughout Asia, including Shanghai, Tokyo and Beijing, and saw much of the turmoil in that region in the pre-war years. Mr. Forster was a senior in high school in the Philippines, when that nation was invaded by the Japanese in 1941. Japanese troops rounded up all foreigners and interned them at camps in Santo Tomas and Los Banos. Mr. Forster's father had a heart attack soon after and was taken out of the camp for medical care. His wife went

with him, and Mr. Forster's sister already had moved back to the United States by then, so Mr. Forster had to fend for himself in the internment camps.

His wife said Mr. Forster was in the camp with many of his friends from before the war, as well as with a highly respected international community. The prisoners set up schools, gardens and baseball games, as well as their own camp administration. It was in the camp that Mr. Forster learned best the concept that international exchanges build understanding and better relations between people of different countries. He learned that Japanese camp guards who had traveled abroad, many to the United States, were usually more humane than those who had lived insular lives.

In 1943, Mr. Forster was returned to the United States in a prisoner exchange. He promptly enlisted in the Navy. Shortly before he was to ship out for duty in the Far East, Mr. Forster was transferred to work in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Someone apparently had learned of his vast experience in the Philippines, and they used him for intelligence work in war planning. Once, his wife said, Mr. Forster was given photos of the internment camp at Santo Tomas. He was in one of the photos, naked in the shower.

After the war, Mr. Forster studied international relations at Stanford University and joined the Foreign Service in 1949. He spent some time in the southern Philippines establishing the Mindanao-Sulu U.S. Information Office, then was sent to Yale University for intensive Japanese language and area studies. Mr. Forster lived in Japan from 1953 to 1981. While there, he was instrumental in the development of various 'sister city' programs, including those made between San Francisco and Osaka, and San Jose and Okayama. Mr. Forster served in Burma and Israel, and also worked with the U.S. delegation to the United Nations during Adlai Stevenson's tenure as U.N. ambassador. He retired in 1983 as director for East Asia and the Pacific for the U.S. Information Agency.

Mr. Forster and his wife lived in Hawaii from 1983 to 1995. There, he worked in a variety of positions related to international relations. He was senior associate director of the Pacific Forum and executive director of the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council. Mr. Forster's family had a home in Oakland for most of the 20th century. It burned down in the 1991 Oakland hills fire. He and his wife moved to Tiburon in 1995.

He is survived by his wife; sons Thomas of Orcas Island, Wash., and Washington, D.C., and Douglas of Mill Valley; daughter Cindy of Claremont (Los Angeles County); and four grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. at St. Stephens Church in Belvedere.”

Obituary from San Francisco *Chronicle* of December 15, 2013:

“Nancy Keeney Forster died in her home in Belvedere on November 13, 2013. She was 85 years old. Born in 1928 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Roger B. Keeney and Catherine Baldwin Keeney, Nancy attended the Baldwin School and graduated from Stanford University in the class of 1950.

In 1949 Nancy married Clifton Forster and they moved to the Philippines to work in the US Information Agency. In 1953 the couple relocated to Japan, where Clifton managed American Cultural Centers for three decades. Nancy's lifetime work with her husband was to build understanding between cultures. She taught world history in international schools from the 1960s until the 1990s. In the 1970s Nancy became involved with the International Baccalaureate (IB), now a worldwide network of advanced bilingual international high schools. In 1986 she started the first IB school in Hawaii. In 1994, Nancy became the founding director of the California Organization of World IB schools. She was a founder of Marin Villages, a volunteer service for home-based seniors in Marin County. She was a member of the vestry at St. Stephens Episcopal Church.

At the age of 80 Nancy published *Encounters: A Lifetime Spent Crossing Cultural Frontiers*, which tells the story of her husband's wartime imprisonment by the Japanese and their life together. In 2011 she co-edited *Journeys in Learning Across Frontiers*, a compilation of testimonies from around the world about the impact of IB schools. Her last book, *A Culinary Journey: Recipes and Reminiscences of an American Diplomat's Wife* was published earlier this year.

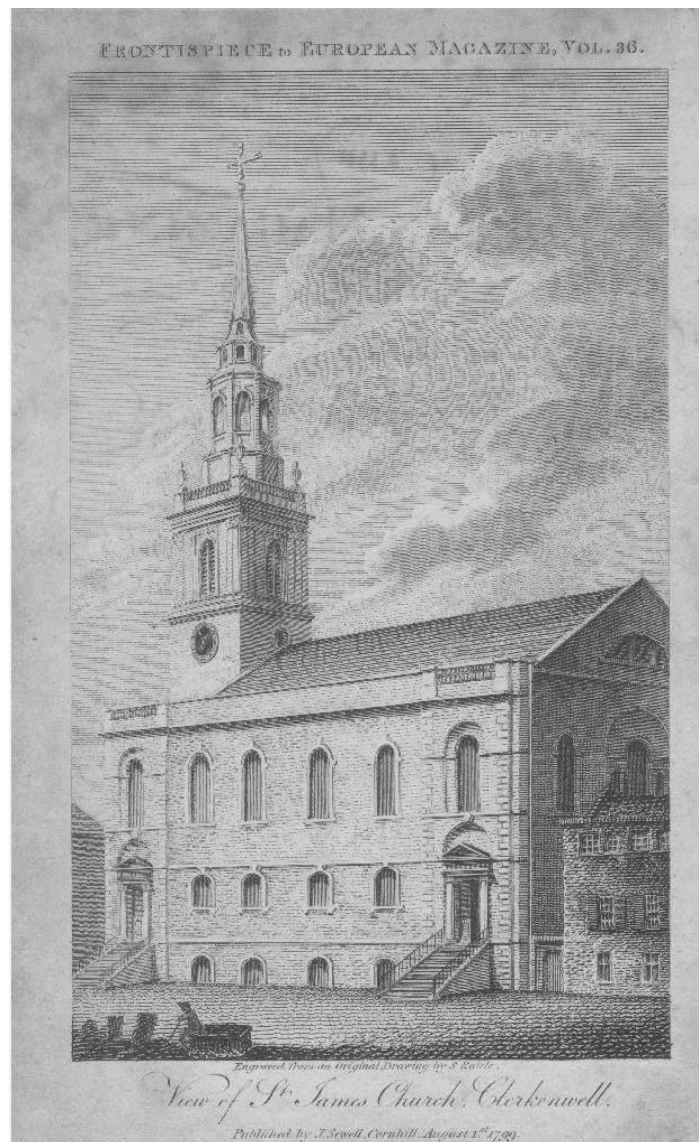
Nancy is survived by her brother Roddy, three children, Thomas, Cindy and Douglas, nephew Charles, niece Karen, and five grandchildren, Nathan, Taylor, Makala, Wyn and Callum. Gifts in memory of Nancy may be made to Marin Villages, 930 Tamalpais Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901, or Academia Semillas Del Pueblo School, 4970 Huntington Dr. S., Los Angeles, CA 90032.”

34-37. April 28, 2003 letter, Fn 24.

13. Harriet Caroline Gordon (1797-1840)

On December 20, 1799 unknown persons baptized a female child at Clerkenwell St. James, a newly rebuilt church dedicated in 1792, at Clerkenwell Green in Middlesex. They gave her name as Harriet Caroline Gordon and her birth date as April 18, 1797.

10 Dec 99	Harriet Caroline of John & Ann Gordon	19
19 Nov 99	Frederick Bellard of John & Ann Gordon	20
26 Aug 97	Harriet Caroline of John & Ann Gordon	20
18 Apr 97	Shabe Bell of William & Shabe Taylor	20
15 Nov 99	Shabe Bell of Joseph & Rachel Dixon	20



Clerkenwell Green at the end of the 18th century was a place for “shopkeepers, small-scale merchants and tradesmen” and also skilled artisans such as clockmakers. There were few gentlemen. (Fn 1)

On October 29, 1817 Harriet Caroline Gordon married Charles Francis Forster at St. John the Baptist in Margate, by licence, with the consent of her guardian, Mr. Robert Salter. On June 1, 1818, when Harriet Caroline was of legal age, she married Charles Francis Forster a second time, by banns, in the City of London at All Hallows Barking parish. (Fn 2) The first son born to Charles and Harriet was named William Burroughs Forster, in 1820.

No letters or documents disclosing the identity of Harriet Caroline’s parents or the location of her birth have been found. Two years and eight months passed after her birth until she was baptized, yet at least one of the persons who presented her for baptism knew an exact birth date, and probably the birth location. Harriet Caroline died in 1840, prior to the 1841 census which might have indicated that she was (or was not) born *in foreign parts*. Harriet Caroline’s death certificate states her age at death as 43. This is consistent with her 1797 birth record at Clerkenwell St. James.

One hundred seventy years after Harriet Caroline’s baptism, the descendants of Charles Francis and Harriet Caroline Forster living in the United States were aware of the mystery surrounding Harriet’s birth and were repeating a story about Sir William Burroughs and an Indian princess being Harriet Caroline’s parents. (Fn 3)

William Burroughs was born in Ireland in 1752. He was admitted to the Middle Temple in 1775 and called to the Bar in Ireland in 1778. In 1789 he went to Calcutta (arriving in November 1789) and was admitted to the Bar of Bengal. In 1792 he was appointed Advocate General of the East India Company in Bengal. Burroughs did not return to England until 1801. (Fn 4)

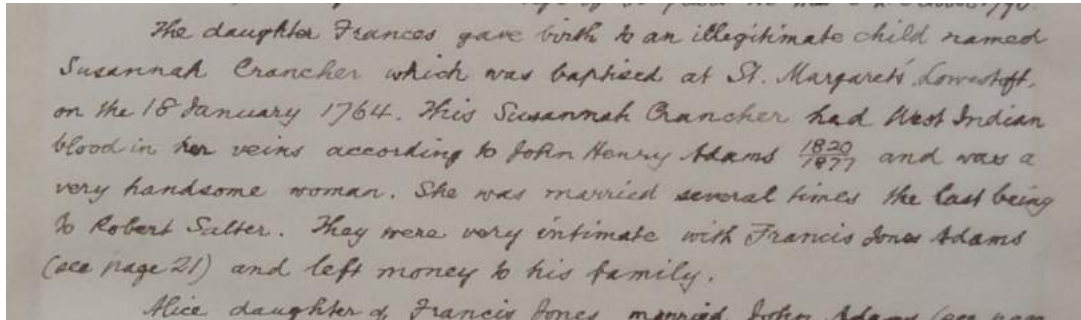
Footnotes:

1. *Clerkenwell Green*, in *Survey of London: Vol. 46, South and East Clerkenwell*, ed. Philip Temple (London, 2008), pp. 86-114, *British History Online*.
2. Chapter 4, *Charles Francis Forster*; Chapter 14, *Susanna Salter*.
3. On January 12, 1969, Charles Hancock Forster’s widow Gladys wrote to Mildred (Forster) Archerd that she wanted “to find out when Sir William Burroughs, ancestor of Charles Forster, went to East India or India as Judge. The story is told that he married an Indian princess who gave birth to a daughter. She was sent to England for her education. Her grave is in the cemetery opposite Northumberland House in Margate. Harriet Caroline is the name.”
4. Records of the Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn, London; and biography from *The History of Parliament*, ed. R. Thorne, 1986. More information on Burroughs is included in the Appendix.

14. Susanna Salter (1764-1850)

Susanna Salter, a witness to Harriet Caroline Gordon's marriage in 1817, was baptized on January 18, 1764 at Lowestoft St. Margaret, Suffolk, as *Susanna Crancher Base Child of Frances Jones*.

An Adams family history includes *hearsay* information about Susanna. (Fn 1)



The Crancher surname in Susanna's baptism record suggests that George Cransher (sic) Jr. (burial on July 28, 1763 at Lowestoft St. Margaret) might have been her father. (Fn 2)

Susanna's mother Frances Jones married John Barlow, by licence, on December 26, 1772 at Yarmouth St. Nicholas, Norfolk. The marriage witnesses were Ann Crisp, Robert Warren and S. Mash. (Fn 3)

On July 7, 1773 the Barlows baptized their daughter Frances at Lowestoft St. Margaret. She married Nathaniel Fielding on May 25, 1790 at Holborn St. Sepulchre in the City of London. Susanna Salter left her *half-sister* Frances Fielding a legacy in 1845. (Fn 4)

Grace Jones, younger sister of Susanna Crancher's mother, married James Warwick on August 14, 1777 at Lowestoft St. Margaret. Two children of James and Grace (Alice and Martha (Watson)) were left legacies by Susanna Salter in 1845.

By late 1779 the Barlow family, probably including Susanna Crancher, resided in the Southwark area near the River Thames in Surrey. Two Barlow children were buried at Southwark St. Savior.

Another Jones sister, Alice, married John Adams on September 4, 1781 at St. George the Martyr in Queen Square, Middlesex. As a young man, John Adams, from Great Yarmouth, set up a barber practice on Tooley Street in Southwark. (Fn 5) There are 1782 tax records for Southwark St. Olave parish showing John Adams on Tooley street, in confirmation of the Adams' history. It is possible that the Barlows, including Susanna Crancher, resided with (or near) John and Alice Adams on Tooley street.

On July 3, 1783, at Southwark St. Olave, Susanna Crancher married James Cowell. John and Alice Adams were witnesses.

No 315		James Cowell	of this Parish
		Bachelor and Susanna Crancher	of the same
		Widow Spinster	were
Married in this Church by Banns			
this Third Day of July in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred			
and Eighty Three By me W. V. Trevelyan Curate			
		This Marriage was solemnized between Us	
		James Cowell	
		Susanna Crancher	
In the Presence of		John Adams	
		Alice Adams	

On January 21, 1785, at Woolwich St. Mary Magdalene, in Kent (near Southwark), widow Susanna Cowell married George Losh.

No 199		George Losh	of this Parish Bachelor and
		Susannah Cowell	of the same Widow
		were	
Married in this Church by Licence			
this Twenty first Day of January in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred			
and Eighty five By me W. M. Tuller			
		This Marriage was solemnized between Us	
		George Losh	
		Susannah Cowell	
In the Presence of		W. M. Tuller	
		Frank Atkins	

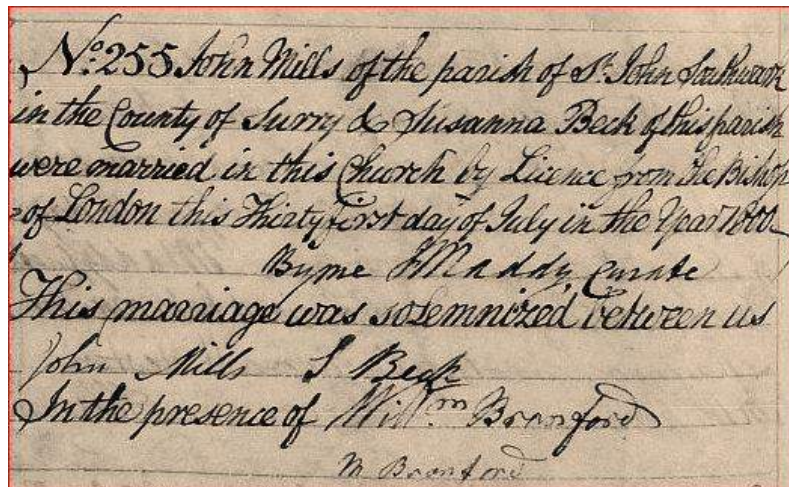
On July 8, 1789, at Calcutta St. John, in Bengal, widow Susanna Losh married Ezekiel Beck, a merchant born in Barbados who was killed in 1791 in Dacca (now in Bangladesh).

July 7.	Edward Griffith, Steward, and
	Maria Mumoe Spinster.
8.	Ezekiel Beck, Merchant, and
	Susannah Losh, Widow
14.	Arthur Mair, Esq. and

Susanna may have lived almost eight years in or near Calcutta after Ezekiel Beck's death, but she was back in England by October 29, 1799 when she witnessed the marriage of Francis Barran and Eleanor Williams at Deptford St. Nicholas in Kent. During this time frame, Harriet Caroline Gordon was born. Was Susanna Beck her mother? Did she bring Harriet to England?

Susanna's voyage to England from Calcutta, probably on a ship owned or chartered by the East India Company, was apparently not documented or the passenger list has not survived.

On July 31, 1800, widow S. Beck married John Mills at St. James Piccadilly in Middlesex, England. Mills was a widower of Southwark St. John parish, and worked as a ship chandler. He stated in his 1808 Will that he was a ship owner and sail maker of Shad Thames and Dover-place, Kent-road, Southwark. Mills left the residue of his estate to his wife Susanna. He was buried on September 8, 1808 at St. John's Horselydown.



In 1802 Susanna Beck Raven was baptized in Lowestoft. She was Susanna's first cousin once removed. Raven's father was a mariner.

William Branford, witness to Susanna's 1800 marriage to John Mills, made his Will on March 12, 1807. He wrote the Will at Paradise Row, Rotherhithe, Surrey, and said he was a merchant. William was buried at Rotherhithe St. Mary on September 9, 1807, age 50.

John Mills was listed in the Newington, Surrey tax records for 1802 on Newington Road and for 1805, 1806 and 1808 on Dover Place. In 1809 S. Mills was reported at Dover Place.

John Mills made his Will on August 29, 1808. He named his wife Susanna, his four sisters – Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Forster and Mrs. Burgess (unidentified yet in the records), brother-in-law Thomas Porter and several others. On September 8, 1808, John Mills from St Mary Newington Butts, 47, was buried at Southwark St. John, Horselydown. (Fn 6)

On March 20, 1810 Robert Salter of Margate agreed to a marriage settlement for the benefit of Susanna Mills. Susanna's uncle John Adams was a party to the settlement document. (Fn 7)

On March 21, 1810, at Southwark St. Mary, Newington (Surrey), widow Susannah Mills married Robert Salter of Margate.

No. 247	Robert Salter	of the Parish
Margate in the County of Kent a Widower and		
Susannah Mills a single British Widow were		
Married in this Church by Licence		
this Twenty-first Day of March in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred		
and	For	By me Robert Salter
This Marriage was solemnized between Us {		
Robert Salter		
Susannah Mills		
In the Presence of {		
Curwen Gale		
Mary Gale & Mary Adams		

Marriage witness Curwen Gale was a ship and insurance broker from Tower-hill, London, and Mary Gale was Mary Bond whom Gale had married in 1798. Witness Mary Adams was Susanna's first cousin, daughter of John and Alice (Jones) Adams.

According to letters written to Alice Adams (1787-1854) by her brother John Samuel Adams on October 2, 1821 and November 18, 1825, Alice was living in Margate in the home of Francis Forster, said to be a distant relative of Alice. In his Adams History, Professor Adams noted that Alice *kept a school in Margate*. Alice was Susanna Salter's first cousin; she married Rev. Robert Clarke of Ebchester, Durham in 1837. Professor Adams also wrote that Alice's sister Rosetta Adams (1790-1854) kept a school in Margate with Alice between 1830 and 1837. There is a letter written by Susanna Salter from Margate on December 14, 1827 to Alice Adams implying that Alice was a schoolmistress and had recently left *Mr. Lewis' school* and was considering starting her own school. The letter is consistent with the stories from the Adams History. Susanna signed the 1827 letter as *your affectionate cousin*. (Fn 8)

The 1832-4 *Pigot Directory* for Kent included, under Academies & Schools in Margate, *Adams Alice (boarding and day) 34, Hawley square*. An 1833 directory covering Margate had the category "Academies - Boarding Ladies" and this also included Alice at 34, Hawley Square.

Directories covering Margate from as early as 1811 and into the 1820's listed an academy operated by Mr. Lewis in Angel-place and later in Cranborne-alley. This could be the Mr. Lewis of Susanna's 1827 letter. Alice Adams was born in 1787 and may have been a teacher from as early as about 1810. Possibly young ladies such as Harriet Caroline Gordon, Ann Harbord, Elizabeth Harbord and Catharine Collett were trained at the Lewis academy in Margate, with some of them being instructed by Alice or Rosetta Adams.

Susanna's husband Robert died on March 22, 1833 in Margate. His 1831 Will and 1833 Codicil and testamentary trusts were to be administered by William Harbord and Joshua Waddington as executors and trustees. The Will referred to the marriage settlement and to another trust arrangement for the benefit of Susanna, and it also included bequests to Susanna of £200 in cash and all of the household goods and the carriage and horses. All real estate was placed in a trust with the income to be shared between Susanna and Margaret (Salter) Forster (wife of Francis). The Will and Codicil were proved in London on April 16, 1833. (Fn 9)

On September 10, 1833 Elizabeth Adam was born at widow Susanna Salter's house on Cecil Square in Margate. Elizabeth was the daughter of Elizabeth Harbord and Henry Adam, and granddaughter of William Harbord, Robert Salter's co-executor and co-trustee, and Harbord's wife Elizabeth Child. Elizabeth's grandmother was Mary Crancher, the sister of George Crancher, the suspected father of Susanna Salter.

William Oliver Harbord, the first son of William and Elizabeth (Child) Harbord, married Mary Anne Bradley in 1825 and on July 19, 1836 they baptized a son at Holy Trinity in Liverpool. They named him Robert Salter Harbord.

On August 23, 1815, at Yarmouth St. Nicholas, William and Elizabeth (Child) Harbord baptized a son they named Henry Gordon Harbord. Gordon is a very common name, but in 1815 the Harbord's daughters Ann and Elizabeth may well have been attending the Lewis academy in Margate, along with Harriet Caroline Gordon, ward of Robert and Susanna Salter.

In her 1845 Will Susanna Salter revoked a deed of gift to William Harbord's daughter Ann.

In the 1841 census for Cecil Square in Margate, Susanna Salter was reported as 77, of independent means and not born in Kent. Her servants were Susannah Brown, 35 and Amy Johnson, 20. Also in the 1841 census for Margate, at St. John's College in Margate were James Cuthill, 35, schoolmaster, his wife Elizabeth [Dann] Cuthill, 35, and a long list of students, including three grandchildren of John and Alice Adams – Robert Adams, 13; John Bolton, 13; and Andrew Bolton, 11. Susanna left Elizabeth Cuthill a bequest in her 1845 Will.

Widow Susanna Salter of Margate made her Will on June 12, 1845. (Fn 10) Susanna's executors and testamentary trustees were Joshua Eastwood, of Meltham, Yorkshire, merchant, and Susanna's first cousin John Samuel Adams, West India docks, engineer. Susanna devised a life estate in her real estate on King Street in Margate to her servant Susannah Brown. Susanna devised the remainder of the King Street assets to Harriet Caroline Forster's grandson Robert Salter Eastwood, but this devise failed when Eastwood died before reaching age 21. In default the remainder was to pass to Susanna and Eliza Adams, daughters of Susanna's late cousin Francis Jones Adams, a banker and coal merchant.

Among Susanna Salter's many bequests were the following to Adams' family members: (a) Elizabeth, the widow of Francis Jones Adams - *large portraits of myself and my said late*

husband, as well as various diamond, gold and pearl jewelry, her silver tea service and her best wearing apparel; (b) Mary Adams (Mrs. Andrew Bolton of Ebchester, Durham) - all her coral ornaments; (c) Alice Adams (Mrs. Rev. James Orde Clark of Ebchester) - gold earrings, bracelets and second best wearing apparel; (d) Rosetta Adams of Ebchester - gold earrings and second best wearing apparel; and (e) John Samuel Adams - a silver pint mug.

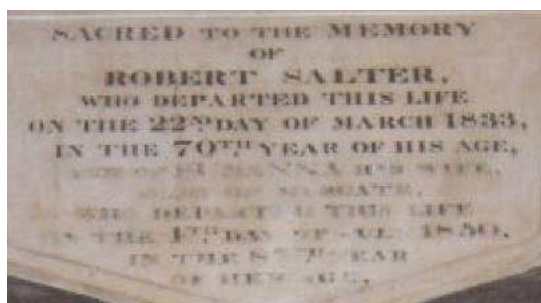
Susanna also gave her testamentary trustees £100 to invest for the benefit of five children of Harriet Caroline Forster: Margaret Frances, Charles, Robert, Francis and Maria. When the youngest of them attained the age of 21, the principal and accumulated income was to be distributed. Margaret Frances died unmarried at age 20. Charles died at age 24. Robert died at age 22. Maria, the youngest of the five, died at age 11. The vested shares of Charles and Robert, who died unmarried, went to Francis as their only heir at law, as did the unvested shares of Margaret Frances and Maria.

One other Forster who was a recipient of Susanna Salter's largess, William Burroughs Forster, the first son of Charles Francis and Harriet Caroline Forster. He was given Robert Salter's gold watch and chain, and £100. He died at sea in 1847 near Sydney, Australia.

Susanna Salter gave servant Susannah Brown five old silver tea spoons, a tablespoon, two salts, *the bed on which she sleeps*, third best wearing apparel, some household furniture, an obsidian brooch, a garnet ring and £30. She bequeathed to servant Amy Eliza Johnson a garnet ring and £10. George Hills, who would marry Amy Johnson in 1847, was to receive £19.19.

By 1846 Susanna Salter resided at 35 Hawley square in Margate. (Fn 11) In the July 26, 1847 Will of George Hurst, architect and surveyor of Canterbury, Hurst disclosed that his property at 35 Hawley square in Margate was occupied by Mrs. Salter. Susanna Salter died on July 4, 1850 at 35 Hawley square.

Fourth July 1850 35 Hawley square	Susanna Salter	Female 86 years late Robert Salter James	Widow of the Bony gentleman Cutford	Elizabeth Hilley Johnson Second at Birth 35 Hawley square Margate	South July 1850	Henry Wotton Registrar
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In 1850 The Gentleman's Magazine (p. 227) reported Susanna's death notice: "July 4 Aged 86, the relict of Robert Salter, esq. of Margate." Susanna was buried at St. John the Baptist in

Margate on July 12, 1850. (Fn 12) Her Will was proved in London on July 24. Robert and Susanna Salter's memorial tablet is in the nave of Margate St. John's.

Robert Salter (1763-1833)

Robert Salter of Margate married Elizabeth Andrews on January 16, 1785. Elizabeth died at age 46 and was buried at St. John the Baptist in Margate on November 21, 1806. (Fn 13)

In 1792 Robert was a witness on the marriage license for his sister Margaret Salter and Francis Forster. He was also a witness to the December 27, 1792 marriage of John Dexter and Jane Crickett, both of Margate. Also in 1792 he was Executor of his father's Will.

Robert Salter was assessed by St. John the Baptist in Margate for his house and business. For example, in 1792 the entry was Messrs *Salter & Jones, houses, workshop & house* (rental value £30). (Fn 14)

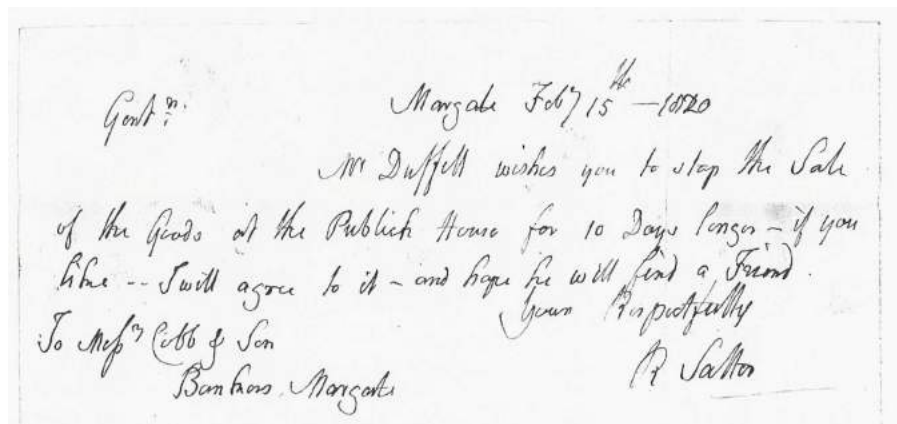
A Margate directory for 1794 included *Robert Salter, Grocer*. (Fn 15)

In July 1802 Robert Salter voted in an election; only freemen were eligible to vote. (Fn 16)

In 1806, Robert served as chairperson at a meeting "of the subscribers to the proposed application to parliament for an act for the recovery of small debts, not exceeding five pounds, for Margate, St. Peter's, and Birchington parishes." (Fn 17)

On March 19, 1810 Robert Salter married widow Susanna Mills at Newington St. Mary in Southwark, Surrey.

An 1811 Margate directory included *Salter Robt. grocer, Market place*. (Fn 18)

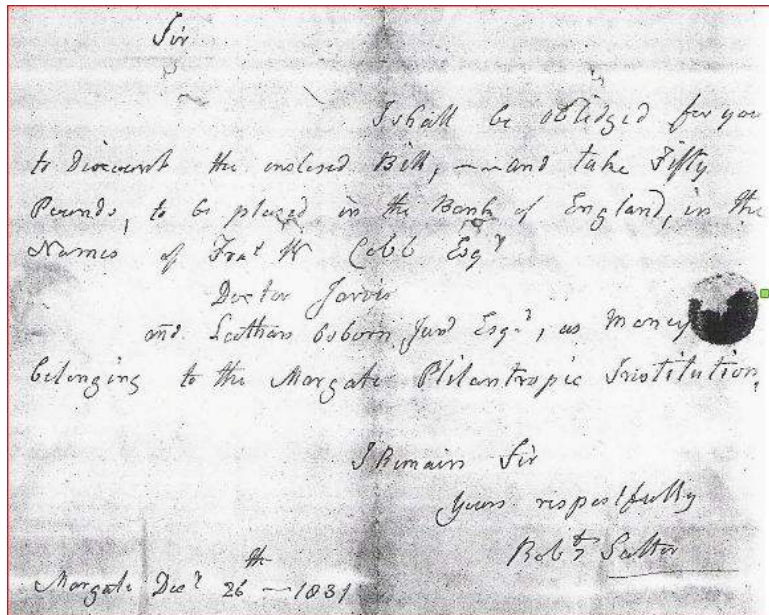


Gent^l Margate Feb 15th 1820
Mr Duffell wishes you to stop the Sale
of the Goods at the Publick House for 10 Days longer - if you
like -- I will agree to it - and hope he will find a Friend.
Yours Respectfully
To Mess^{rs} Cobb & Son
Barnes Margate
R Salter

On October 21, 1820 Robert chaired a meeting of Margate inhabitants for the purpose of preparing resolutions of support for the Queen, who had just returned from a foreign trip. There

was mention of the late King George III and also of Princess Charlotte of Wales. Local MP's Honeyman and Wood were deputized to present the resolutions and make an address. (Fn 19)

In 1831 R. Salter, Margate subscribed for ten copies of *Reminiscences of Eton* by Henry John Crickett Blake (Curate in Shalfleet, Hampshire). Also subscribing were Mrs. C. F. Forster, Margate; Sir R. Burton, Sacket's Hill, Margate; J. Baikie, Esq., London; and Mrs. Brooke, Margate.



Sir

I shall be obliged for you
to discount the enclosed Bill, — and take Fifty
Pounds, to be placed in the Bank of England, in the
Name of Frost & Cobb Esq^r
and Leatham Osborn Esq^r, as money
belonging to the Margate Philanthropic Institution.

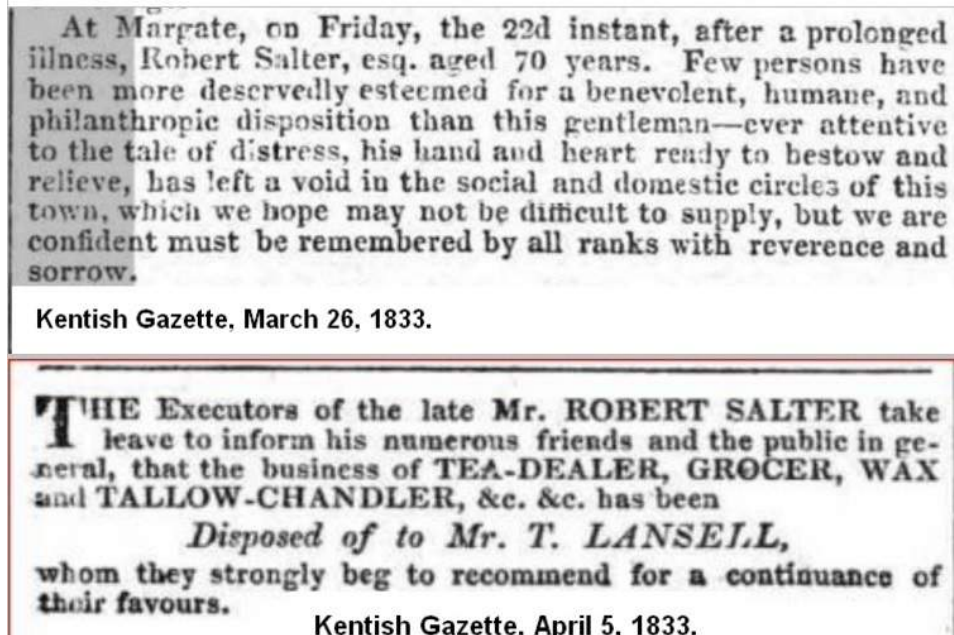
I remain Sir
Yours respectfully
Robt Salter

Margate Dec 26 1831

Robert Salter made his Will on August 23, 1831. He amended it with a Codicil dated March 22, 1833. He referred to his wife's investment (eight shares at £100 each) in the Margate Pier and Harbour Company (sold by auction in 1850 after she died). Robert also stated that the Pier and Harbour Company had given £2000 toward the 1829 reconstruction of the parish church of St. John. In his bequests to his wife, directly and by a residuary trust, Robert mentioned carriages and horses and rural estates and a lot about his business. No children were named in the Will. Daniel Jarvis was one of the trustees for the residuary trust established by the 1831 Will (and William Harbord replaced Jarvis via the 1833 Codicil). Joshua Waddington was the other trustee. The residuary trust provided benefits to Robert's sister Margaret Forster and her children. In the Codicil, Robert exercised a power of appointment given him by his late father Samuel Salter with respect to an undivided one-third interest in the father's Margate real estate (which was not described); in connection with this, Robert mentioned an Indenture of Release dated March 13, 1833 among Francis Forster and his wife; seven of their children; Robert; and Barton Crow (probably a surviving trustee of the Samuel Salter trust instrument). The releasing parties were Samuel's contingent trust beneficiaries. (Fn 20)

On Feb. 23, 1833, Dr. Daniel Jarvis left Robert Salter a £100 legacy.

Robert Salter died on March 21, 1833, according to a burial ledger, or March 22, 1833 if the newspaper death notice is correct. He was buried, with an elaborate funeral cemetery (see burial ledger), on April 1, 1833. (Fn 21)



Footnotes:

1. Excerpt from p. 94 (written on Nov. 1, 1919 by Henry Adams, *The History of the Adams Family*, by Henry Adams (1846-1935) and his brother Thomas Adams (1857-1919); Robert J. Adams of Sidmouth, Devon has the original and in 2011 sent me copies of selected pages, including p. 94. Henry Adams was four years old when Susanna died and so we know he was passing on someone else's story or opinion.
2. George Cransher (*sic*, Crancher) was born to George and Mary (Spratt) Chransher (*sic*) and baptized at Lowestoft St. Margaret on June 24, 1741.
3. Yarmouth St Nicholas Marriages (1767-1772).
4. Will of Susanna Salter, 1845, at PCC PROB 11/2117/54.
5. *The History of the Adams Family*, p. 209.
6. Will of John Mills, at PCC PROB 11/1485/140; and parish register.
7. The marriage settlement information is in Robert Salter's Will made in 1831 (PCC PROB 11/1814/491).
8. The original of the 1827 letter is held by A. R. Bolton, an Adams' descendant; a copy is in the Appendix.
9. Robert Salter's Will, Fn 7.
10. Will of Susanna Salter, Fn 4.
11. Bagshaw's History, Gazetteer and Directory of Kent.

12. St. John the Baptist, Margate parish register - Susanna Salter, 86, 12 July 1850, abode Margate, by W. E. Hoskins, Vicar.
13. *Morning Chronicle and London Advertiser* of Tuesday, January 18, 1785, issue 4892: "Sunday last was married, by the Rev. Mr. Williams, Mr. Robert Salter, tallow-chandler, of Margate, to Mrs. Andrews, widow, of the same place"; the May 14, 1806 Will of Elizabeth Salter (Canterbury Cathedral Archives, PRC 16/485/s/4) left her personal estate to Robert Salter and named him Executor; Daniel Jarvis and John Hays were witnesses; no children were named in the Will; and burial record of Nov. 21, 1806 at St. John the Baptist, Margate. From late 1784 Rev. Williams was minister and curate at St. John the Baptist in Margate, but the Salter - Andrews marriage record does not appear in the parish register or in bishop's transcripts, and likewise there is no marriage allegation or bond in London, Kent or Surrey (based on searches in Ancestry.co.uk; Canterbury Marriage Licences 1781-1809 by Arthur J. Willis; and the Diocese of Rochester (at familysearch.org)).
14. Assessment list dated July 13, 1792 of Parish of Saint John the Baptist, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
15. The Universal British Director edition printed in 1794 covered Margate, pp 901-905.
16. The Poll for Knights of the Shire to represent the County of Kent taken on July 13-22, 1802, p. 22.
17. Mockett's Journal (1786-1836), p. 63; John Mockett (the Journal's author) resided at Hopeville Farm near St. Peter's, Thanet.
18. Holden's Annual London and County Directory of the United Kingdom and Wales, Vol. III.
19. *Kentish Gazette*, 1820.
20. Robert Salter's Will, Fn 7.
21. Burial ledger of Gore Brothers, Margate undertakers (copy in Appendix); death notice, *Kentish Gazette* of March 26, 1833; burial record at St. John the Baptist, in Margate: *Robert Salter, 70, 1 April 1833, abode Margate, by W. Frederick Baylay, Vicar.*

15. Appendix

William Burroughs (1753-1829)

William Burroughs was born in Queens County, Ireland in about 1753, the son of Lewis Burroughs, DD, Archdeacon of Derry, and his wife Mary Cane. He studied at Dublin University, where he received a B.A. degree, and then was admitted to the Middle Temple in 1775, and was called to the Bar in Ireland in 1778. He practiced there until 1788. [Sources: Records of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, London; and biography from *The History of Parliament*, ed. R. Thorne, 1986.]

“In 1789 he went to Calcutta, was admitted to the Bar in Bengal, and in 1790 was appointed, by the Marquis Cornwallis, Standing Counsel to the East India Company on the Bengal Establishment; in 1792 he was appointed Advocate General, the highest law officer of the Company, which he resigned in 1801, and returned to England.” [Source: Lincoln's Inn.]

A letter written by Burroughs on Dec. 8, 1789 from Calcutta explained that he left England on the *Ponsborne*, changed to a French ship near the Cape of Good Hope, was delayed for various reasons, and finally reached Calcutta in November 1789. [Source: Earl of Charlemont MSS.]

Burroughs was married in 1782 in Cavan, Ireland, to Letitia Newburgh, who died in 1803. They had one son and three daughters. The son died in action in 1814, unmarried. One of the daughters died unmarried in 1798. Daughter Louisa married Sir Thomas Andrew Strange in 1806, and daughter Letitia married Rear-Admiral Sir Charles Ogle in 1820. [Sources: *Recollections of By-Gone Days*, by Louisa Mure (daughter of Thomas and Louisa (Burroughs) Strange), privately printed, 1883; *Burke's Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies* (1844); Burrough's Will and Codicils, *op. cit.*, p. 8; and p. 82, vol. 146, *The Gentleman's Magazine*, by S. Urban.]

"Burroughs and all his breed are the greatest scoundrels unchanged. He stole his wife from a gentleman who had been the patron and benefactor of his father." [Source: p. 114, "The Memoirs of William Hickey" (volume 4 for 1790-1809).]

Burroughs arrived in London in October 1801. He served in the House of Commons for Enniskillen, Northern Ireland (1802-06), having purchased a vacant seat. He also served in 1817-1818 for Colchester and 1818-1819 for Taunton. [Source: *History of Parliament*.]

In October 1804 Burroughs was made a Baronet. When he died in 1829, the Baronetcy became extinct because he had no surviving male heir. [Source: *History of Parliament*.]

William Burroughs “was a liberal, generous friend and relation [but] there were counterbalancing faults of a grave kind – his passion for gambling, his general extravagance, and his entire devotion to the world. He is said never to have touched cards nor dice while in

office, but at the hour of resigning he broke through all restraint, and on his return to London he became notorious as playing deep, staking high, at the especial clubs of Whites and Boodle, and at the homes of Lady Salisbury and Lady Essex. He had a house in Berkeley Square, where he lived expensively, and was in high society.” [Source: Recollections of By-Gone Days.]

“A list of 29 Dec. 1804 stated that he was then in London and had applied for ‘a deanery for one brother and a civil employment for another’. Within a month Burroughs, whose wife had died in 1803, was reported to have lost £36,000 at the gaming table, to be ‘quite ruined, and going back to India’.” After wrangling an appointment as a Puisne Judge, he returned to Bengal in September 1806. [Source: History of Parliament.]

"[O]n the 29th October [1806] that disagreeable and offensive coxcomb, Sir William Burroughs, arrived in Calcutta, being accompanied by his eldest daughter, as odious an animal as himself. He brought two daughters with him from England, but the youngest proving to the taste of Sir Thomas Strange, then Chief Justice of the Court of Madras, he, although old enough to have been her grandfather” married her. [Source: William Hickey Memoirs.]

After again creating a large fortune in Calcutta, he retired, returned to England [in 1816] and returned to his prior life of gambling. Finally there was a breakdown in Sir William's health and the Strange's intervened, wound up his affairs" and brought him to live with them in their house, 103 Sydney Place, Bath." [Source: p.115, Recollections of By-Gone Days.]

In an August 18, 1827 Codicil to his July 19, 1825 Will, William Burroughs made a trust provision of £800 for the benefit of Edward Williamson Gordon, described as a boy born in 1815 whom he was supporting financially through his agents in Calcutta. [Source: Burrough's Will and Codicils.]

Burroughs died on June 1, 1829 at Russell-street in Bath. [Source: Gentleman's Magazine.]

London
Morning Post
Sept. 7, 1802

MARGATE, SEPT. 5.

THEATRE.

Mrs. Jordan's Benefit, on Friday last, attracted all the genteel company in the Isle of Thanet. The boxes were all taken, many days previous; and the anxiety of the residents to gain admittance was so great, as to induce them to attend at the doors of the Theatre, an hour before the usual time of opening the House. Above an hundred were refused admittance. The performances were, *The Way to Keep Him*, and *The Spoil'd Child*. It is unnecessary to attempt describing how imitatively Mrs. Jordan played the part of the *Widow Belmour*; Russell's *Love-mere* was correct and spirited.

Her Grace of Devonshire was present, and never appeared in better health and spirits. The Duchess sat in the right hand stage-box, with her two lovely daughters, Ladies Harriet and Caroline Cavendish. On the opposite side, Lady Barrington, Lady Brownlow, Sir Charles and Lady Asgill. Among the other fashionables were the Dowager Countess of Conyngham, the Duke and Duchess of St. Alban's, Lady Heathcote, Miss Manners, Colonel Morgan, General Tolson, Mr. Grant, Mr. Hope, Rev. Mr. Chapman, Mr. Pratt, Hon. Miss Burton, Miss Friend, Mr. Morland, Mr. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, **Mr. Forster**, and Mr. Walspole. The receipts of the night were 98l. 16s.

The last performance of Mrs. Jordan for the season was yesterday evening. The play of *The Tenter-Husband* was performed for the first time.—The after piece, *Three Weeks after Marriage*. Mrs. Jordan's *Biddy Tipkin* in the play, and *Lady Kacket* in the farce, were much applauded; Mrs. Taylor, in *Aunt Tipkin*, and Mr. Bew, in *Clerimour*, were very respectable. Mrs. Jordan takes her departure for London, this day.

Mrs. Jordan's engagement was 30l. a night, and a free Benefit—She played eight nights. Mrs. and Miss Martyr arrived last night.

The Duke and Duchess of St. Alban's reside in Stone House, near Broadstairs. Lady Heathcote is the most expert charioteer in Margate.

A Sailing Match is talked of to take place to-morrow. The prizes to be settled by a subscription now going forward; thirteen boats are already entered.

Among the latest arrivals are—

Lord and Lady Carysfort, Duchess of Newcastle, Duchess of Manchester, Lady C. Herbert, Lady Moore, Lady A. Simpson, Lady Shipbrooke, Sir T. Lennard, Dowager Lady Dacre, Lady Asgill, Lady Fortescue, Lady Glynn, Mr. and Mrs. Duff, Sir Charles Bamfylde, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Bristow, Colonel North, Dr. Reynolds and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Oliphant, Sir John and Lady Fagg, Mrs. Leicester, Miss Lindley, Mr. Burgh, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Ciesan, Rev. Mr. Watkinson, Hon. Mr. Herbert.

MARGATE, OCT. 3. London
Morning Post
Oct 6, 1802

DUKE OF ST. ALBAN'S FETE.

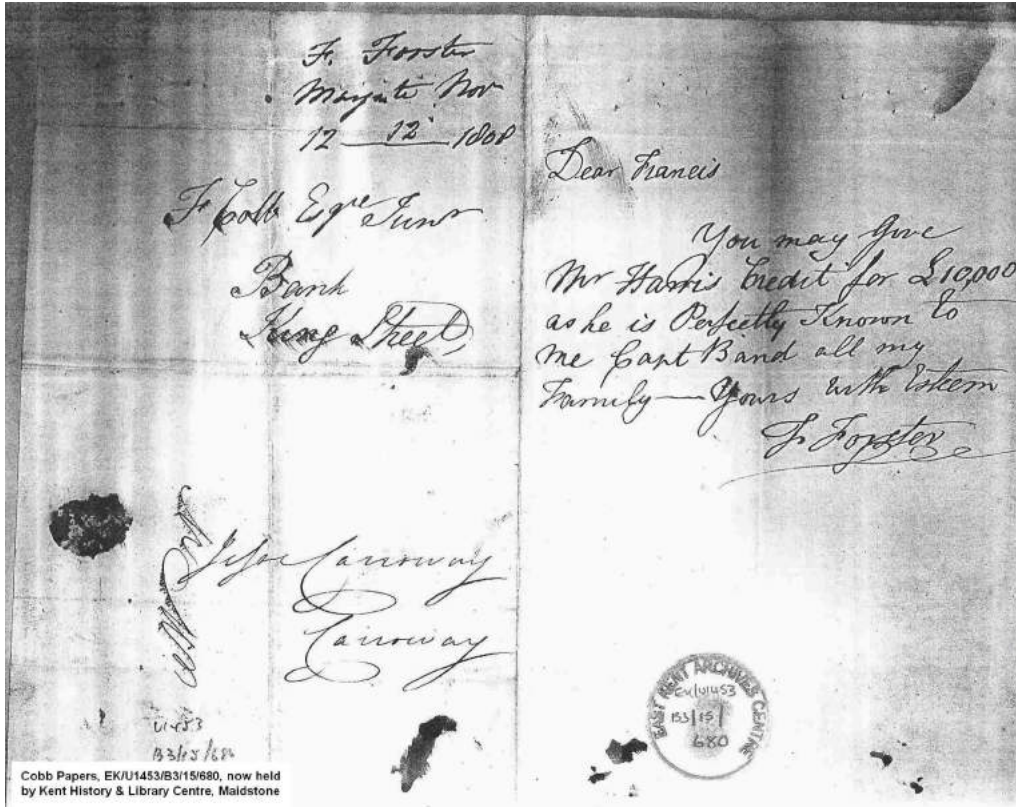
Margate is certainly seeing its proudest days, when all that is high in nobility in Britain flock to its shore, and emulate each other in giving those entertainments which we thought exclusively confined to the Metropolis. Stone House, about a mile from Margate, the residence of their Graces of St. Alban's, was yesterday the scene of a most superb ball, conducted with the hospitable magnificence characteristic of the noble owners. The Fete began at six o'clock, with a dinner in a pavilion erected in the garden for that purpose.—The company consisted of about sixty; we distinguished among them, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Lord and Lady Besborough, Lady Dacre, Lord and Lady Melbourne, Lord and Lady Jersey, Lady Heathcote, Mrs. Duff, Lady H. Cavendish, Mademoiselle de Grammont, Miss Manners, Mademoiselle St. Justice, Lord Duncannon, &c. &c. Every variety that this or other seasons could afford was collected on this occasion; and the spectators might have thought themselves in the vernal month of May, had they judged from the scene around. The wit and conviviality that reigned prevented the repast from being over till ten, when the ladies rose and joined the company waiting for them in the drawing-room, and entered the apartment destined for the ball, which was decorated for the occasion by Mr. Gregory, of Margate. Dancing soon commenced, to the sweet sounding harps of Mr. Weippert, with the tune of *The Devil among the Tailors*. The charming Lady H. Cavendish was the first that led the mazy dance, with the Duke of St. Alban's; next to bowed:

Miss Manners	-	Lord Duncannon
Mademoiselle de Grammont	-	Hon. John Ponsonby
Lady Young	-	Hon. George Lamb
Duchess of St. Alban's	-	Duke of Devonshire
Lady Heathcote	-	Lord Melbourne
Duke of Devonshire	-	Lord Besborough
Mrs. Duff	-	Hon. John Macdonald
Lady G. Foster	-	Hon. Thomas Brand
Lady C. Dundas	-	Hon. John Proby
Miss Hale	-	Marquis of Harrington
Lady C. Ponsonby	-	Mr. Forster

The company continued dancing till one o'clock, when the supper rooms were thrown open; the tables glittering with every thing luxury could imagine or fancy invent. About a hundred and twenty sat down for two hours, when the company rose, and the lovely Miss Manners led her fair and gay companions to the ball-room, and resumed the dance, which did not conclude till six in the morning, when the company departed, highly delighted with their evening's entertainment, and the affability of their Graces of St. Alban's.

Mr. Forster might be Francis Forster (1771-1835), or Henry Foster who resided in Margate according to St. John's parish assessment records, or some other Forster.

Records of Francis Forster (1771-1835)



Buxton Vale N^o Alnwick May 12
1814

My Dear Sir

I this Day Enclose you a Bill and
30 Days for £1700 Being the Whole of my Debt to you
Except the Intⁿ from Jan^y to May^y of which I shall
settle at my return, and a little sum also of which
I made a Mistake in my Book of which I cannot see
till I come home

Now as I have been Perfectly Honorable in Sending you
the full Sum as I Promised I therefore rely on your
Generosity in not setting any Dist against me for
the 30 Days as I could not send a Bill at a shorter
Date

I shall feel much obliged if you will by post
Acknowledge the Recd of the £1700, and put of
my name from the 2 Notes & keep them till Return
Tell Mr^r W Golt I will in a few Days send up
the £500 of Interest

Will you also be kind enough to request Mr
Freina Lewis who I hope will to wind up my Present
Acc^t and Put Down the Ballance at Bottom
And as I have made up my Mind some time Back

and Turned over a New Leaf myself - I will thank
you to tell him to Enter my Name on a Fresh Page
that all Moneys I send to you before I return may
be kept by themselves

If you will favor me by Complying with these
Requests you will add to the Many (good
Forgotten Kindnesses) already Conferred on
Your Sincere & obliged Friend

Francis Foster

Our Most Kind united regards to Mrs Cobb also
to F W Cobb Lady and together your little
Granddaughter - I How Time Flies - Mr Foster
tells me I am mistaken - as he is a Grandson - However
whether Grandson or Granddaughter may be sure
to be a comfort to his family when I see him -
Mr Foster begs to be kindly remembered to Mr Martha
Cobb - and hopes Mr Paine is better

Boston Vale July 10 1811

My Dear Sir

I have this Day Inclosed you
a Bill at 50 Days on Sir Richd Law Glynn House
for £100 which you will be pleased to enter
the Cash I have set apart for me
having no other Use standing out is
it will be Cash for me at my Return which
Gods Blessing I hope will be a safe one in
September. I have no News here but
that would be Second Hand to you
our Corn is Backward owing to the little Sun
to all kind of Grain Looks well except
heat which is rather thin on the ground
& still healthy, but ours here is very
good. I will thank you to Acknowledge
the Rec^t of my Bill by ret of Post if possible
I hope my letter will meet you Mr J^r W
Coll and your little one Quite well as I
am Happy to say it leaves us. Remember
me kindly to your Father & Mrs Coll & Fam



and beggary Mrs F. H. Cobb & yourself to
accept our United best wishes for all
Happiness to attend you both believe

One your sincere friend
J. Foster

Remitted to Burton

Given Receipt of 22 July 1871

J. M. L.

Records of Francis Forster (1793-1844)

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Cobb Papers EK/U1453/B315680, now held at
Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone.

Chillingham Manor #.
Dec 24. 1827

Gentlemen

I received yesterday, your date
the 19th relative to my note, with my father, and
beg to apologise, for its having been returned
for non payment, and shall feel obliged by
your friendly act, of allowing it to remain
with you, until the last week, in January;
and I will discharge all expense, from the time
it was due, until then, and I will advise you
of the day it shall be at Sir Isaac Glynne's -
through my Brother at Alnwick.

I do assure you I move from Agriculture as so
low an ebb in this County.

I trust you both, with your families are about
to whom, I beg to offer, many happy returns, of the
approaching season; and remain
your humble servant
Francis Forster

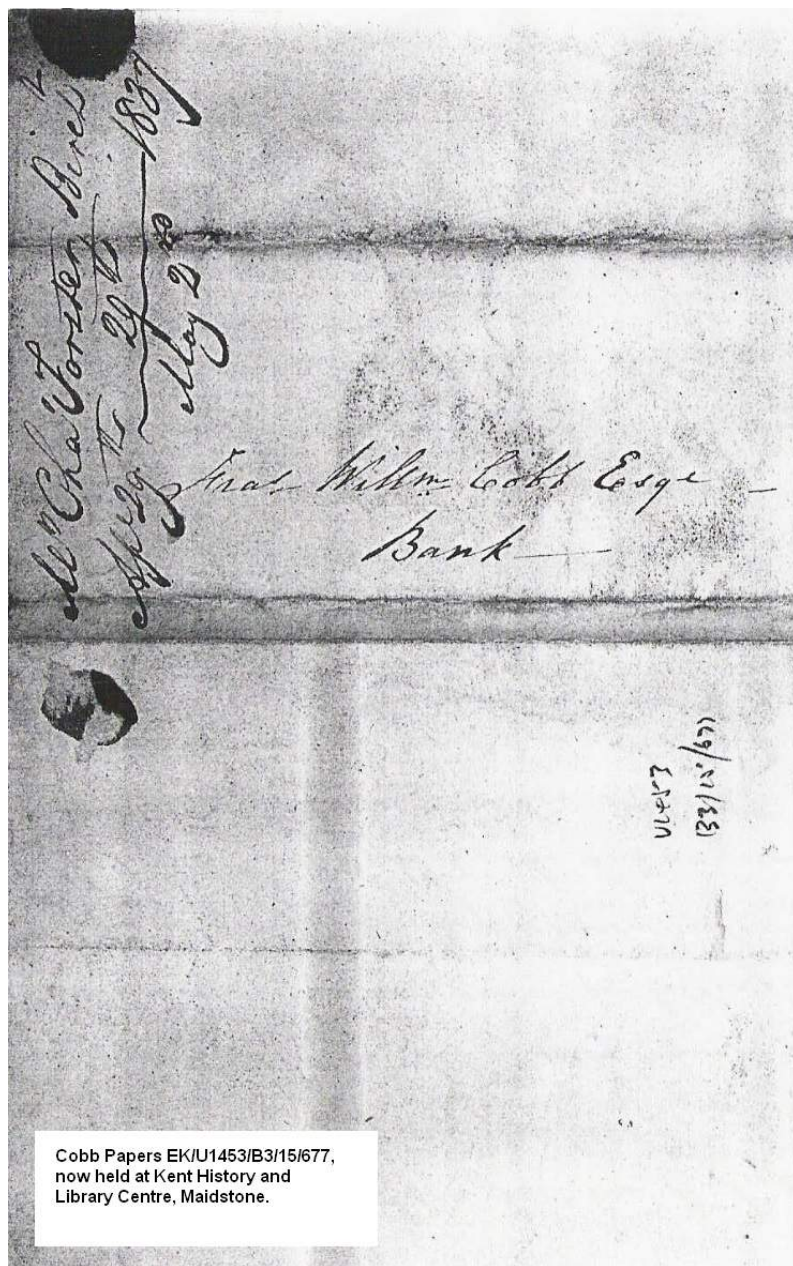
I shall feel obliged by your making my
very kind regards to all my relations at
Margate, and I hope they are all well,
and I also trust there will be no occasion
for any proceedings between Father & Son -

Cobb Papers EK/U1453/B315/M86, now held at
Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone.

Mr Lewis I shall
thank you to Place this
£100 to my Acc - If it
is necessary for me to Endorse
it send it Back - I am
very Busy or would have come
Down myself
Yours J. G.



Records of Charles Francis Forster (1795-1851) & his wife



Lis/ I hope I shall not offend. by
addressing you on the present subject;
I am informed that Mr. Jenkins, has
not yet disposed of what little Plate
I had; it is valued at a very small
~~amount, some of the articles were given~~
to Charles and myself when we
married, by old and departed Friends
and it is painful to me to lose them -
I have therefore taken the liberty of
asking you to buy them and hold them
until I could return them - Mr.
Crow has kindly purchased a set of
Tea, ^{or Spoons} which I regretted parting with
they were given me by Lady Burton

(Charles Hunt) and ^{he} has promised to keep
them for me on these conditions —

Mr Foster and I had some conver-
sation a little time since respecting
getting my second Boy Charles into
the Blue Coat School, she had an idea
that you had some interest in the
Institution, if you have I should
feel very grateful if you could do
anything in his behalf — as I fear
my means will be very limited
to afford education for my dear
children — I hope Mr Cobb yourself
and family are well and believe
me Sir

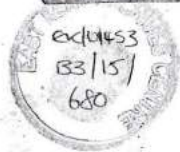
Yours respectfully
Beverington
April 29th 1837
H. C. Foster —

Mr Foster received the enclosed Cheque
from Mr Prescott yesterday, being ninety pounds
for the present payment and ten pounds
due to the payment of Mr F. Prescott's Sub-
scriptions.

Walthamstow & Co.

Monday March 5/38

The above has been acknowledged by Mr Foster



Cobb Papers, EK/U1453/B3/15/680,
now held by Kent History & Library
Centre, Maidstone.

London July 28. 1838
1055 Wallbrook Place

Dear Sir,

I trust you will excuse the
liberty I take in enclosing your few cards,
hoping that should opportunity offer that
you will give them to some of your friends
in Tennessee which might perhaps be the means
of doing me a very essential service, and
allow me to add that if you could secure
any recommendation in the funeral army at
Navyate I should be most willing to attend
to it personally. I mean the furnishing part.

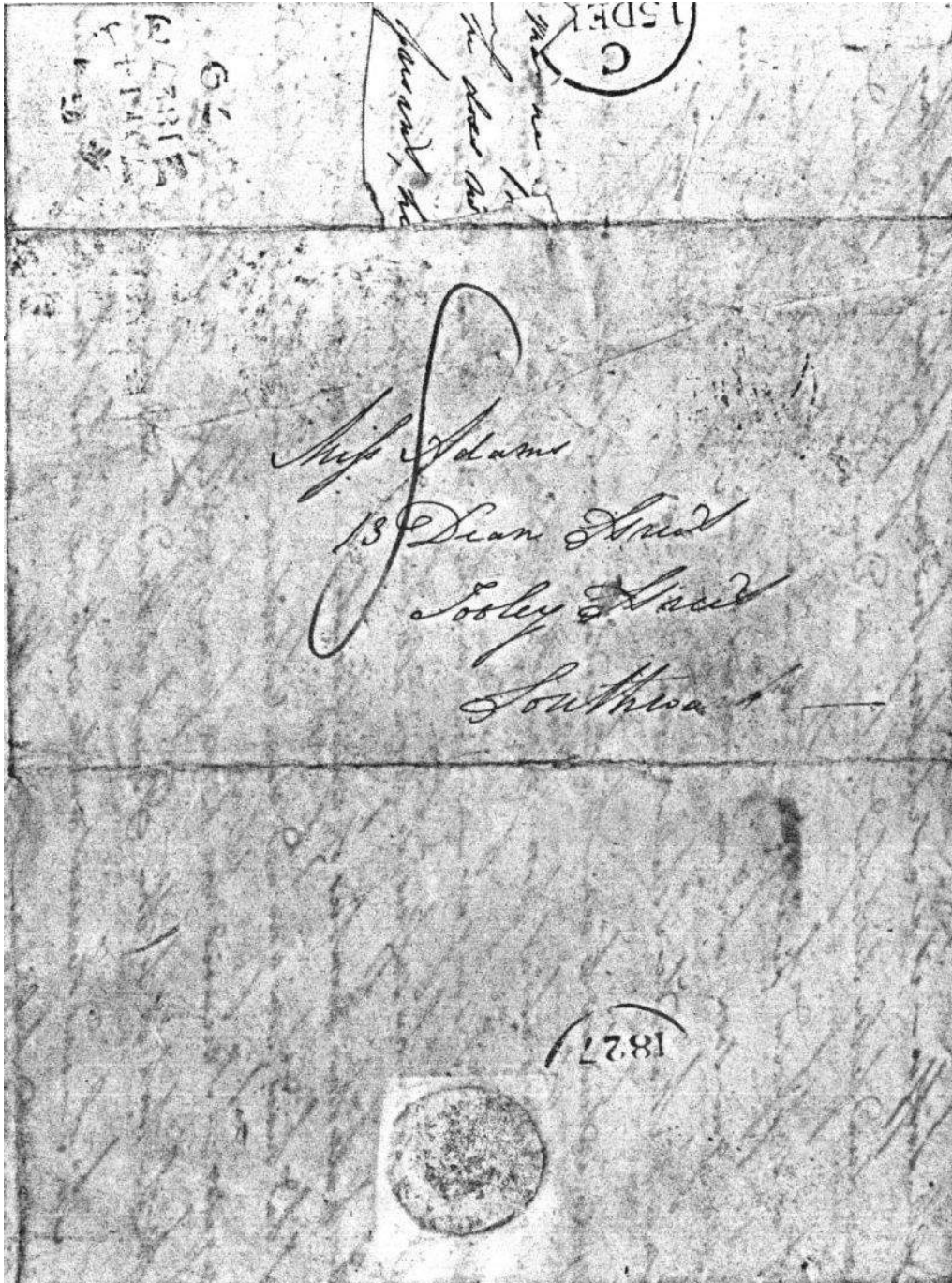
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Funeral Ledger for Robert Salter (1763-1833)

	Robert Salter	
	died March 21. 1833.	
	Aged 70 Years.	
		£ s d
April 2	10 in shell lined full 8"	2. 15.
	Mattress 4 1/2 ft. Pallio 16 Sheet 2 1/2	1. 18. 6
	Lead in coffin & Inscription	7 . .
	4 Men taking in & Allowance	6 . .
	1 1/2 in outside case covered Blk	
	Cloth super. 3 Rows Nails all	
	round. Best Blk furniture	
	cherubs rays &c.	13. 13.
	Stout Brass Plate & Inscription	2. 12. 6
	4 Men taking in outside &	
	bringing body down stairs	6 . .
	Hearse & 2 Mourning coaches	
	to Margate church	8. 8.
	3 Velvet hummer cloths &	
	horse cloth & horse velvets	19. 6
	6 Cloaks for 3 Coachmen.	
	& 3 Gents Car.	9 . .
	16 Silk bands & gloves for	
	3 Coachmen & body bearers.	
	4 Pages. Brett & 2 Constables	9. 12.
	8 Lute string bands & gloves	
	for 3 Gents Sen. Clerk	
	2 Seating. Organist & Whist 4 1/2	3. 12.
	2 Scarfs bands & gloves for	
	Gore Tho & Rose Tho 4 1/2	4. 12
	2 Crapes Bands & gloves for sent 4 1/2	1. 1.
	2 Porters Polo dress scarfs	
	Bands & gloves	3. 1/4.

Brought over			
7 Crapes scarfs bands & gloves			
for Messrs Forster Forster			
C. F. Forster J. Forster R. Forster			
W. H. & David H.	3/6	11.	6
3 Rich ducape scarfs bands			
& gloves for Rev Bayley			
Will ^d Harbord Esq & J. Wadsworth Esq	10		
5 Rich ducape scarfs bands			
& gloves for Rev Barron			
Rev Blake & Messrs Waring			
Elvey & Co	12	10	
Bands & gloves for Collins for		18	
Use of Pall in house & day			
of funeral	2	2	
3 coffins Trunkbarns & bands		12	
P ^r 3 Coachmen & Body bear ^r			
4 Pages Assistant & 2 Constables	4		
Refreshments for Gent Serv ^t		2.6	
Bayley Rev Church fees	8	14	
Bayley sexton do	1	5	
Opening & closing vault			
& taking down & putting up P ^r 1	1	1	
Mason	3	2.6	
Refreshment for Men after			
funeral	2	5	
P ^r ladies gloves for Mrs.			
Salter W ^m Forster W ^m C. Forster			
Miss Forster Miss J. Forster			
W ^m J. Forster	1	10	

Records of Susanna (Mrs. Robert) Salter (1764-1850)



Weymouth Dec 14th 1829 -

My dear Alice!

I received your long letter for letter on Sunday
and said before I opened it "this signs Sarah's doom; I was much
gratified on her account, and my own, as I shall have you near me
that is just me in spirit all day - I called on Mr Lewis on Sunday
and gave her your letter to read, and had no idea but that you would
^{be satisfied} have seen as you had made up your mind, while I was absent on
Wednesday Evening, when to my astonishment she told me that Mr
Lewis had some idea of sending her to Miss Jewell's but they
could not give a decided answer; it seems they indicated this course
to Mr L. on Sunday, but he said nothing about it to me, thinking
I should be asked. Fanny called on Sunday after we did, and
Mr L. told her the same, in consequence of that being said I
thought out of justice to you if they had decided on any other
plan you ought to be immediately informed of it - Fanny
called on her again yesterday said I was going to write to you
to-day and if they had made up their minds to send her to another

School we shad like you to know, as from what has passed
you must notice upon seeing her - and she was to give him
her decided answer before this which she has done, she
was with him at an hour, and says that Mr Lewis has made
his determination, and will be, until he knows your terms,
he is very particular and would not decide until he is ac-
quainted with your plans, they would also like to know if
you would object to her not saying the Church Catechism
and using some few religious ^{books} in the way of Hymns and Prayers
that he approves - he is a member of Zion Chapel, and although
he does not consider her religious principles of normal and
sound, he would like her to understand what profession he
holds - I told Mr Lewis I did not know what your terms
would be, but I dare say moderate, I think therefore you
better write to them on the subject as soon as possible -

Mr. Latham has called on Mr. Miller as Susan said their
little girl was going to school, but they are at present under
Mr. Latham the printer intends sending his eldest daughter
he (has 4 girls) to some Boarding School a Mrs, Charles
called there, it is not improbable that you will hear
how but they cannot decide yet -

As regards the Savings Bank, they do not know at present
how matters will be decided; if the deficiency of money which
is £2000. 400 - will be paid by the Trustees, (which is the
opinion of the Public that it will) or whether the individual
will suffer - it is a shocking business for his family they
are dreadfully distressed having no idea he was so disposed -
it is supposed he is gone to America - I should like to hear
from you soon, as I am anxious to know all your plans, if you
come to Niagara I shall be glad to give you a ride - and if it is
your intention to come to Niagara or Deal's Aid - You do not
say anything about poor John's affairs but suppose you are not
all well, I say you - Give my kind love to your Mother
I am sorry he suffers so from ill health, remember me to the
L. & all the members of your family - I informed the Trustees
I had heard from you and your intentions - they all send their best
regards - I received the Book from Mr. Hufsch on Sunday Evening
Mr. L. took it to the Bank on Monday and has returned it to me

Mr. L. and Harriet write with me in best love and good wishes
to you and believe me my dear Alice

Your affectionate Cousin

Louisa Lathrop

Dec. 10 Elland 1885
p. 111 R. Kentland


P.S. I shall feel obliged by your calling
upon Mr Dering with my compliments
request him to obtain from C. St. Ford
the payment of £ 4.14.9 due to me on
the 5 of January last. As you will be
sending to me soon

Susanna Salter -

To Mr Lewis

Records of Francis Forster (1835-1883), aka Charles Smith

62.926 Charles Smith 4-12-14 451
W. O. Form 83.

HER MAJESTY'S  OF GREAT BRITAIN

Whereof Major General Vincent Dimpfington is Colonel In December 1864

[Place and Date] Albany 9 December 1864

PROCEEDINGS OF A REGIMENTAL BOARD, held this day, in conformity to the Articles of War, for the purpose of verifying and recording the Services, Conduct, Character, and cause of Discharge of No. 188, Private Charles Smith of the Regiment above-mentioned.

Capt H. P. Munn President
Capt L. L. Linn Members. Capt H. Sawyer

THE BOARD having examined and compared the Regimental Records, the Soldier's Book, and such other Documents as appeared to them to be necessary, report that after making every deduction required by Her Majesty's Regulations, the Service up to this day, which he is entitled to reckon, amounts to 1 years, 197 days, as shown by the detailed Statement on the 2nd page; during which period he served abroad 1 1/2 years, viz.:

at _____ years,
in China one & 1/2 years;

and further, that his DISCHARGE is proposed in consequence of Medical Disability
[Here state whether—Completion of period, at his own request, or as unfit for further Service.] as shown on the third page hereof

With regard to the CHARACTER and CONDUCT of No. 188 Private Charles Smith, the Board have to report that upon reference to the Defaulter's Book, and by the Parole testimony that has been given, it appears that his
Character and Conduct have been
Good
No good Conduct Badges

[Insert opposite—the man's Character, the number of Good Conduct Badges in his possession, and all Badges of Merit, or gallant conduct in the Field, conferred upon him.]

[Insert the number of times his Name appears in the Defaulter's Book, and that he has been tried by Court Martial.] once entered in Defaulter's Book

The charge, finding, and sentence, on each occasion, is to be recorded on a separate sheet, which is to accompany the Discharge Documents. once tried by Court Martial

If never tried or entered in the Defaulter's Book, state so.]

[If this man received Wounds, &c., in action, or other Injuries in or by the Service, although not invalidated on account thereof, state here the nature of the wound, or injuries, and when and where he received the same, and if any Court of Enquiry was held, (as is required) state or annex the result.]

Private Charles Smith being asked to what date he has been paid, answered, that his Account is balanced up to the latest period required by the Regulations; and being further asked whether he has any claim on the Regiment for Arrears of PAY, ALLOWANCES, or CLOTHING, answered, that he has received all just demands, from his entry into the Service up to the 9th December 1864 and in confirmation therefore, affixes his signature hereto.

I acknowledge this to be true.

Witness

Anthony Patrick Carr
Commanding the Company to which he belongs.

Chas Smith

THE Board have ascertained that Private Charles Smith Soldier's Book is correctly balanced, and signed by the Officer Commanding his Company, and they declare, that they have impartially inquired into, and faithfully reported upon, all the matters brought before them, in accordance with the Regulations and Instructions issued by Her Majesty's Orders.

W. Montgomery Capt President.
Anthony Patrick Carr } Members.
H. Rogers Capt

Detailed Statement of the Services of Private Charles Smith

Regiment	Promotions, Reductions, &c.	Rank	Period of Service in each Rank		Amount of Service	
			From	To	Years	Days
2 ^d Co ^l	Attested	Private	17 November 1858	9 th January 1859	0	52
	Promoted	Corporal	10 th January 1859	10 July 1861	2	182
	Promoted	Sergeant	11 th July 1861	8 th January 1863	1	193
	Reverted 10 th January 1863	Sergeant	8 th January 1863	1 st April 1863	0	0
	Dismissed & discharged	Private	2 nd April 1863	26 May 1863	0	0
	Former Service forfeited by Conviction of Offences	Private	27 th May 1863	9 th December 1864	1	197

Total of the foregoing Statement 1 197
 * Further Service from the 10 to the 27th Dec 64 when finally discharged 1 18
 Total Service allowed to reckon to the day of final discharge 1 215

* To be added, when not required, by drawing the Pen through the Line.

Medical Report on the case of No 188 P. Charles Smith
who is recommended for Discharge.

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

The Examining Surgeon is required to furnish answers to these questions, or explain why he is unable to do so.

1. State the name of the disability, &c. Chronic Dysentery, Ch. Hepatitis and Intermittent Fever
2. 1stly.—State whether the disability existed prior to enlistment, and the grounds upon which such opinion is formed. No, they were induced by exposure to climatic influences
2ndly.—Whether the invalid, if discharged, can be repressed into the service. No.
3. In Ophthalmic, or other disorders of the eyes, state how the disease was contracted, and whether the same was or was not prevalent at the time in the Regiment, or at the Station. —
4. If the disability is the result of wounds, or other injuries, received in action, or in the discharge of some act of military duty, describe distinctly the wounds, &c., and by what weapon, &c., inflicted. —
5. If the injury occurred in, but not by, the service, state how it occurred. Occurrence in the service, & while the man was serving in China.
6. And, whatever may have caused the disability, &c., describe the present state thereof, and the probable effect in future on the invalid's capability of contributing towards earning a livelihood, adding how far it is considered to have been caused, or aggravated by, the use of intoxicating liquors, or indulgence in other habits or vices. Suffers from Chronic enlargement of the bowels, Chronic enlargement of the liver, & is liable to periodic attacks of ague, all of which have reduced his physical strength, & he is incapable of contributing towards earning a livelihood, & has not been approached by him.

Signature W. Cunningham Esq. Place Aldeburgh Date 16 March 1864

Opinion of the Inspecting Medical Officer.

I hereby declare that I have carefully read the whole of the Medical Records of the case of No. 188 P. Ch. Smith of 1st Regiment, and have made a most minute personal examination of the man himself, in which I have verified the answers of W. Cunningham Esq. (Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon, as the case may be) to the above questions, and I am of opinion that the disability of No. 188 P. Ch. Smith of 1st Regiment, permanently incapacitates him for the active duties of a soldier, and that he cannot re-enlist if discharged.

Signature of Principal Medical Officer J. M. Edwards Place Aldeburgh Date 13 Dec 1864

I am of opinion that for the medical reasons above assigned, and after personal inspection, the man in question is no longer fit to perform the duties of a soldier.

Signature of the
Inspecting General

A. Bates. M. Genl.

The Discharge of the above-named man is approved by The Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief.

Horse Guards, 27th Decr 1864

No. 1000 1900 1900 1900
 referred to in the preceding pages, by
 Trade Blacksmith
 was born in the Parish of St. Charles
 near the Town of New Orleans
 in the County of Orleans
 and attested for the 10th Regt.
 at New Orleans
 in the County of Orleans
 on the 17th day of November 1864
 at the Age of 22 years
 His final description, &c., when discharged
 from the Service, at

this 17th day of November 1864
 Age 22 years
 Height 5 feet 7 inches
 Complexion Dark
 Eyes Dark
 Hair Dark
 Trade Blacksmith
 Marks or Scars upon the face, or other parts
 of the body None
 Intended Place of Residence New Orleans
10th Regt.

**DECLARATION TO BE MADE AND SIGNED WHEN THE SOLDIER RECEIVES
 HIS DISCHARGE AT HIS OWN REQUEST.**

I, John J. Smith, in the 10th Regt. of
 hereby declare that I do, of my own free will, request to be discharged from Her Majesty's Service;
 and I further declare, that a period of not less than Thirty Days has elapsed since I first made
 Application for my Discharge; and it has been fully explained to me, and I perfectly understand
 that in receiving my Discharge at my own request, I entirely relinquish all Claim to Pension,
 and that, if I should re-enlist, my past Services prior to the Date of my present Discharge cannot
 be allowed to be reckoned for the purpose of obtaining any benefit from Chelsea Hospital, unless
 the re-enlistment shall take place within 12 Calendar Months from this Date, when one-half of my
 previous service will be allowed, nor unless I declare, on re-enlisting, the fact and actual cause of
 my present Discharge.

(Signature of the Soldier.)

Signed in the presence of the Regimental Board at

this



Birkenhead, Cheshire

1880.

"Affidavit" J. Francis Foster, alias "Charles Smith"
hereby most solemnly Affirm: that the accompanying Copy of
Certificate of Baptism, with the other, Documents, from
H.M. Customs London, also discharges from ships
in which I have served, Testimonials from Captain's
Gentlemen and others, who have known me of late
Years. Show that I have been well known as "Charles
Smith", from March 1855. up to present date. July
1880. that they are brought forward, to prove my Identity
as "Francis Foster" son of "Charles Francis Foster" who died
at 97 London Wall, City, London. on 25th March 1851.
I being the only surviving member of his first wife's
Family. also that the annexed Certificate of Marriage
by "License", is a true copy of the Entry of such Mar-
riage, at "St Francis Church" Priory St, Birkenhead. in
which place, I was married in the name of "Charles
Smith" to "Sarah Jane Hancock" named in the
aforesaid Certificate. without her knowledge of
my name being assumed. I make this Declaration
for the purpose of proving my wife to be "Sarah
Jane Foster" wife of "Francis Foster". The son,
of the, aforesaid "Charles Francis Foster" of London.
"Deceased". that my marriage, in the name of
" " "

"Charles Smith" being perfectly sane, and
"Children" the issue, of that "marriage" being
Legitimate. I wish them to be known as the
Children of "Francis Foster" and "Sarah Lane" his
wife, who were married at the "Time" and "Place"
mentioned in the "Affidavit Certificate". annexed
to this Affidavit. I under the assumed name
of "Charles Smith": my wife in her "maiden name"
"Sarah Lane Hancock": daughter of "Richard Hancock"
"Deceased", of this Town. I also affirm that the
~~affidavit~~ Solemnly taken by my "Cousin"
"William Drvitt" Clerk in Holy Orders and Rector
of Stockbridge in the County of Hampshire.
and "Mrs Peace Brackes of 266 Cornhill New Rd."
in the County of Surrey. are to prove my Personal
Identity as the "Francis Foster": Son of "Charles
Francis Foster" "Deceased" aforesaid.

"Signed before me:"

This day of 1880.

"Affidavit S. William Drvitt," Clerk in Holy Orders, and
Rector of Stockbridge Hampshire. "hereby most solemnly affirm" that
the person spoken of in the foregoing affidavit as "Charles Smith"
is to my certain knowledge my "First Cousin" "Francis Foster"
Son of "Charles Francis Foster". &c. &c. &c. my mother Mrs Margaret
Drvitt. being before her marriage. "Mrs Foster". sister to the
"Charles Francis Foster" aforesaid. I also to my certain

Charles Francis Foster ^{affirming} ^{to my certain}
knowledge. can state that he enlisted some years, back
under the name of Charles Smith, also that I
have a distinct recollection of seeing him in
Winchester, Hampshire, while serving in the 2nd

Battalion, 60th Rifles at that station. Since then I have lost
sight of him, but have no hesitation in affirming that the
person, I now identify is my First Cousin Francis
Foster, the only surviving member of my late, Charles
Francis Foster's family, by his first wife Harriet
Caroline, both deceased.

26th day of July 1880. Turner & Clarke
J.P. for Andover.

Mr. J. H. Gifford ^{Mr. J. H. Gifford} ^{Mr. J. H. Gifford} ^{Mr. J. H. Gifford}
I have Grace Black, ^{Wife of} William Black, ^{Esq.}
Black, 266 Cambridge road, Surrey, ^{Mr. J. H. Gifford}
affirming, that the person spoken of in the foregoing
affidavit, is to my certain knowledge my, First Cousin,
Francis Foster, son of Charles Francis Foster, deceased.
my brother, John Foster, deceased being
brother to the deceased Charles Francis Foster
now deceased. I also have an account of his en- ^{Mr.}
listing in the Army, under the assumed name
of Smith, also that he visited me in London,
about eight years ago, since then I have not
seen him, but have no hesitation in affirming, ^{Mr.}
that the person I now identify is my First

That the person I now "Identify" is my "First
Cousin". Francis Forster, the only surviving
 member, of my Uncle, "Charles Francis Forster's
 family, by his first wife "Harriet Caroline"
 both deceased. "I also most solemnly ^{affirm} ~~affirm~~ that he, Charles
Smith, visited me at my Residence in London, on Friday July 20th 1880
 and that, I have, no hesitation, in Identifying ^{him} as my "First Cousin"
Francis Forster, son of Charles F. Forster, my Uncle, deceased. "
 I was born on the 1st day of August 1860
 at 33, Greenwich Road, Whitehall, (City of London)
 and I am now aged 19 years and 10 months."

Grace Brookes
 A young woman, who is my sister
 and is the daughter of my father

Transcription of Affidavits

[One Shilling stamp] Birkenhead, Cheshire, 1880

Affidavit. I, Francis Forster, "alias" Charles Smith, hereby most "Solemnly Affirm" that the accompanying copy of Certificate of Baptism, with the other Documents from Horse Guards London, also discharges from Ships in which I have Served, Testimonials from Captains, gentlemen and others, who have known me of late years, show that I have been well known as "Charles Smith," from March 1855 up to present date, July 1880, that they are brought forward, to prove My "Identity" as, "Francis Forster" son of "Charles Francis Forster" who died at 97 London Wall, City of London, on 20th March 1851. I being the only surviving member of his first wife's Family, also that the annexed Certificate of Marriage by "License" is a true copy of the Entry of Such Marriage at "St. Mary's Church" Priory St., Bk'Head, in which place I was married in the name of "Charles Smith" to "Sarah Jane Hancock" named in the aforesaid Certificate, without her knowledge of my name being assumed. I make this "Declaration" for the purpose of proving my wife to be "Sarah Jane Forster" wife of "Francis Forster," the son of the aforesaid Charles Francis Forster of London, "Deceased," that my marriage in the name of "Charles Smith" being perfectly "Valid" and the "children" the issue of that "marriage" being Legitimate. I wish them to be known as the children of "Francis Forster" and "Sarah Jane" his wife, who were married at the "Time" and "Place" mentioned in the "Aforesaid Certificate," annexed to this Affidavit, I under the assumed name of "Charles Smith," my wife in her maiden name "Sarah Jane Hancock," daughter of "Richard Hancock, Deceased," of this Town. I also affirm that the aforementioned solemnity taken by my "Cousins" "William Druitt" Clerk in Holy Orders and Rector of Stockbridge in the County of Hampshire, and "Mrs. Grace Brooks" of 266 Camberwell New Rd., in the County of Surrey, are to prove my Personal Identity as the "Francis Forster," son of "Charles Francis Forster" Deceased aforesaid. Sworn before me this ___ day of ___ 1880

[Note: the affidavit was not signed by Francis Forster or the notary public, but on the same page was the beginning of the Affidavit of William Druitt. His affidavit continued on to the next page and was not clearly signed (the photocopy is unclear) but there was a notarization of his Affidavit both signed and dated July 30th, 1880; after that, on the same page was a signed Affidavit of Grace Brooks, notarized August 9th, 1880. Francis Forster must have signed a different copy, probably on or about August 9, 1880.]

Affidavit. I, "*William Druitt*," Clerk in Holy Orders, and Rector of Stockbridge Hampshire, "hereby most solemnly affirm" that the person spoken of in the foregoing affidavit as "Charles Smith" is to my certain knowledge my "First Cousin Francis Forster" Son of "Charles Francis Forster" Deceased, my mother Mrs. Margaret Druitt being before her marriage "Miss Forster," Sister to the "Charles Francis Forster" aforesaid. I also to my certain knowledge can state that he enlisted some Years back under the name of "Charles Smith," also that I have a distinct recollection of seeing him in Winchester, Hampshire while serving in the "2nd Battalion 60th Rifles" at that location. Since then I have lost sight of him, but have no hesitation in affirming that the person I now Identify is my "First Cousin Francis Forster," the only Surviving Member of my uncle, Charles Francis Forster's family, by his first wife "Harriet Caroline," both deceased. This 30th day of July, 1880 Thomas P. Clarke, J.P. for Andover [in Hampshire]

Affidavit. I "*Grace Brooks*," wife of William Brooks of 266 Camberwell New Road, Surrey, do hereby most solemnly declare that the person spoken of in the foregoing affidavit or further writings is to my certain knowledge my "First Cousin Francis Forster," Son of "Charles Francis Forster" deceased. My Father, Mr. John Forster, deceased, being Brother to the aforesaid "Charles Francis Forster" now deceased. I also am certain of his enlisting in the Army under the assumed name of "Smith." also that he visited me in London about eight years ago. Since then I have not seen him, but I have no hesitation in declaring that the person I now "Identify" is my "First Cousin Francis Forster," the only surviving member of my Uncle "Charles Francis Forster's family by his first wife "Harriet Caroline" both deceased. I also most solemnly declare that he "Charles Smith" visited me at my Residence in London on Friday July 30th/80 and that, I have no hesitation in Identifying him as my "First Cousin Francis Forster, son of Charles F. Forster, my Uncle, deceased. Declared before me 9th day of August 1880 at No 33 Pennington Park Road in the County of Surrey before John Ryall Mayo a former Deputy and member of the Noble Sepulcher (not of Judicature) [Grace Brookes]

Transcription of Autobiography

My Father Mr. Chas F. Forster, was eldest son of Chas F. Forster of Buston Vale, nr. Alnwick, Northumberland and died at 97 London Wall, City some time in March 1851. My own mother died when I was quite a child and was buried in the Family vault at St. Peters, nr. Margate, Kent. He then, as he was left with a very young Family, married Sarah Redwood of Birchington, who as a very old Servant of the Family, was much beloved by all his children. She died giving birth to her first child and her infant and herself were buried together in the vault at St. Peters. Being again left with still his small family he again married a person who he engaged as housekeeper, named Terry, to whom I mainly owe my present position, but I blame myself for being self willed and careless, never allowing myself to stand corrected.

At my Fathers death an allowance was made to Terry to keep a home for us her son Fred was then about 7 years old. There were 3 of us living at that time, Charles, Robert and Frank. Charles was apprenticed to [Money] Wigram of Blackwell and was little at home. Robert was indentured [with John] Collins Tailor and Outfitter of Red Lion St. Holborn. I stayed at home with her son Fred. In the June following my Fathers death I went to sea _____ Capt. Lambert belonging to T. and W. Smith of Newcastle St. London. I went one voyage to Calcutta and back and then as my Uncle Mr. Druitt would not pay my extra keeping etc., I left and went to Southampton joining the P and O Company which gave mortal offence to all relations as I entirely by doing this drew myself apart from their views of advancement in life although I feel assured that had I been left alone I should no doubt have made my way in life.

My uncle Mr. Hy. Druitt of London sent for me in the year 1854 to come to see him. I came to London, attending at his office in Totenham, Lond. City. He asked me did I intend to fulfil the engagement he had entered into on my behalf with Messrs.____. I answered not. He then told me if I refused he would acquaint Capt. Engledue at Southampton of my position, stopping me getting further employment and he did so. I came again to London to see him about this. Perhaps I was wrong in speaking as I did, but I felt sure that he had done this at the request of my poor father's 3rd wife, and I felt it deeply for I did not deserve such treatment, trying as I was to do for myself. I told him I would enlist for a soldier to get out of their way. He taunted me as being to[o] much of a Coward to do this and said as I was an apprentice he would stop me at that. I left his office and went straight to Charles St. Westminster and there enlisted in the name of Charles Smith in the 28th Regt. then serving in the Crimea.

I was very few months a Soldier before I was drafted to the Crimea. The Regt. I belonged to belonging to the 3rd division. I served there until the treaty was signed and then left coming down to Malta and there was stationed in Fort St. Elmo laying there as part of Army of Observation. I think we left the Crimea in June 1856 arriving in Malta in about a fortnight after. The Regt. was then under Command of Colonel F. Adams C.B. who had led it all through the Crimean Campaign.

I was made Corporal in Malta and belonged to the left Flank or Light Company. I think about September 1856 while in Malta I received a letter from England, the first I ever received from. They had found out my whereabouts in consequence of my Brother Charles meeting me in Balaclava while on escort duty. He on arrival at home acquainted my uncle John Forster he had seen me. He died soon after doing so on board ____ hospital ship off Greenwich and was buried _____. My brother Robert had died previous to this and so I remained the only surviving son of Chas. F. Forster and Harriet Caroline, his wife.

This letter was from the woman who bore my fathers name and acquainted me with the fact of my being left some money by my great aunt Mrs. Salter of Margate. I had heard of this person doing this but as I remembered her only as a child and knew little of legacies caring nothing for my relations who had caused me to suffer much by their throwing me on one side because I was trying to do for myself I did not even acknowledge the receipt of this letter and as for trying to get leave of absence I knew that was impossible as none other than commissioned officers ever got leave from Malta to visit England. I remember about 3 months after receiving my first letter, Colonel Adams sent for me and asking several questions about my family accused me of being enlisted under an assumed name. I could not deny it. He then stated to me that by desire of my friends he was going to apply for special leave for me to visit home, I paying all expenses of my passage to and fro. I did not care to leave the Regt. at first but at last agreed to this, leaving Malta about April 1857. I arrived in England a few weeks later, landing at Plymouth. From there I started for London, arriving there in good health about Easter of 1857.

I applied through my Uncle Mr. Druitt to Mr. Gellalty of East India Rd London. There was no dispute about identity and I received Mrs. Salters Legacy left between 5 Children of C.F. Forster and Harriet Caroline his wife, viz Margaret, Charles, Robert, Frank & Maria to be equally divided when the youngest came of age. I took the whole as all but myself had died some few years back. My relations I suppose hearing through Terry that I was little changed in giving her any more respect did not seem to care much about giving me a great welcome. I bought my discharge out of the 28th Regt. and of course I was obliged to accept it as Chas Smith. I had no other recommendations to commence life with, and my relatives decidedly refused me any help by speaking for ____ joined the Metropolitan Police as C. Smith. Now had Mr. Druitt and the lady ____ have been thus, of course. I did not think I was at all obligated ____ assistance and I had no intention of living with her and so she _____ as possible by letting every one know her _____ in the Police as Charles Smith. I stood _____ scandalous treatment of not allowing me to be at peace. Again enlisting in the 2 B. 60th Rifles and [was sent to] the depot at Winchester, Hampshire. I joined there. I think in October 1858.

I was soon promoted to Corporal and during that time made the acquaintance of a young person named Mary Hove) whose parents lived just outside Winchester. She was assistant in the garrison school and I became deeply attached to her. She went to the training school in London and returned I think at Christmas 1859 as garrison school mistress. During this time I found out my cousin Wm. Druitt was a curate at a village called Chalkham nr Winchester. I

made myself known to him and everything seemed to be very promising for me. I was made Sergeant and Capt. Montgomery, the Capt. of the Company I belonged to, seemed to take a great interest in me. At length the China War broke out and I was ordered to China with two more sergts. and 150 rank and file. It was a sad parting but with promise of a speedy return if spared and the hope through the interest of Capt. Montgomery, Colonel Muter and others to get Mary Hove appointed to the Regt. as School mistress, the time went quickly. We arrived safely at Tein Tsin above the famous Peiko Forts, North China. Stopped till the conclusion of the war, and after the signing of the treaty before Tiensin. Left there for Hong Kong en route for England in Sept 1860. Two companies were left in Cowloon, one of which was the Company I belonged to, until December the same year. Before the headquarters of the Regt. left, Colonel Palmer, commanding, had written to get Mary Hove appointed to the Regt. on arrival and I received a mail or two later a letter telling me she was going to get married to a Sergt. Latham of the Military Train. I had sent her money by Bill of Exchange to make a home for us. by my arrival, and what with exposing me to Regt. as a disappointed man near brought me to death's door. I landed in England I think in April 1861 near ruined in health and strength, but the shadow of the man so well known and I knew respected. All were kind to me in the extreme for I think all knew how I had suffered and felt for me. I went on Sick Furlough to London and there found out how all this had come about. I mean Mary Hove's casting me off. The Revd. W. Druitt by some mischance mentioned to his Father after my leaving for China, that I was thinking of marrying on my return. He spoke also to Mrs. Forster – Terry, as I called her, who made it her business to see M.A.H. and by her [doings] at last broke off this match. Mary supposed I would never _____ not have deceived me. On my return to my Regt. _____ cared little for anything connected with _____ last to forget the position _____ was apprehended in this town near dead and locked up about 25 March same year. Sent to Chester Castle. From there to my Regt. at Portsmouth. Was tried by Court Martial. Reduced and sentenced to 68 days Imprisonment and was branded with the letter D, a punishment I little deserved. But, broken in spirit as I was I felt it most deeply. Was sent to Hospital and at last was Invalided and discharged from the Regt. on a pension of 6 p per day for 18 months, this showing how well I was respected by those who knew my previous history, as I of course lost all claim to pension and service by desertion. I was discharged on December 29th 1862 and went to live as Librarian at the Soldiers Institute, Aldershot. I left there in the spring of 1863 and going to London engaged as steward on board the ship Sardis of New York. Continued going to sea until the year 1873 when I stayed on shore and got married to my present wife in the name of Smith. I little thought at the time I was doing her a great wrong but find that although my marriage is perfectly legal that I shall for reasons that have lately turned up have to take my family name again as I find I could claim nothing unless I do so. My children could claim nothing in event of my death. In fact I see how wrong a step I have taken by doing as I have done but one I was obliged to do to get a living as my discharge was given in the name of Smith and I had no other alternative or could have got no employment."

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